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IRON CHRISTMAS TREE — Noel Weaver holds one of the lower limbs of the iron Christmas tree as Mrs. Weaver attaches one of Christmas balls. The tree, designed and constructed by Mr. Weaver, holds 154 ornately decorated Christmas balls. Mrs. Weaver made 76 of the decorations this year to add to her collection that was started some eight years ago. (See story on page 4)

Stockholders Clear Way For Hospital to Remain Open

Stockholders of the Hamlin Memorial Hospital Association in a meeting here Sunday afternoon cleared the way for the Hamlin Memorial Hospital to remain open beyond the Jan. 1 deadline as announced earlier by the three doctors who have been operating the hospital.

The three doctors, Dr. E. J. Hawkins, Dr. M. L. Smith and Dr. E. D. Perrin, announced in September that the hospital would close Jan. 1 unless some other arrangements were made in operating the hospital. At that time they sought taxpayer support for the hospital or some other method of operating it as they felt that they could no longer operate the hospital as they had in the past because of Medicare restrictions.

With about 125 people on hand for the meeting here Sunday afternoon, the stockholders voted to offer a 10-year lease on the hospital with an option of another 10 years that would permit the doctors to sub-lease the hospital to a third party.

Through their advisor on Medicare problems, Albert Smith, administrator for West Texas Medical Center in

Abilene, the doctors have been told that the best solution to their problem is to move their clinic out of the hospital and turn the operation of the hospital over to a third party.

At the meeting Smith said, "...I've told the doctors all along that under present law and present thinking, doctors-

Toys Repaired By Firemen to Be Delivered to Needy

Toys repaired by the Hamlin Volunteer Firemen will be distributed this week to needy children in Hamlin under the direction of the Hamlin Ministerial Alliance.

A spokesman for the Firemen said that the toys were repaired at considerable expense. Toys were purchased for bicycles and several other expenditures were experienced.

The citizens of Hamlin may underwrite this expense with donations to the Firemen.

Anyone wishing to donate may give money to Lee Hastings, C. L. White, Ed Branscum or any Fireman. The help will be appreciated.

owned and operated hospitals are not going to go in the United States."

"There is not one way these doctors can make a cent even if they operate the hospital for 40 years," Smith said.

In negotiations between the board of directors and the doctors during the past months the doctors submitted a list of actions that the stockholders would have to take if the hospital was to remain open and the stockholders voted unanimously for all of the proposals.

Among the actions taken by the stockholders were:

1. A 10-year lease, with another 10-year option, on the present hospital building with the right to sub-lease the facility. The doctors will pay the Association \$10 per month, per bed, lease, pay for normal upkeep and pay all taxes and insurance. The lease may be terminated at any time if certification problems arise that would make the facilities impractical to use as a hospital.

2. A 99-year lease on the land just north of the hospital for the doctors to build a clinic on. The doctors will pay \$1 per year for

this lease, payable in advance.

3. All personal property located in the hospital to be turned over to the doctors. Most of this equipment has been purchased by the doctors during their years of operating the hospital.

4. Adopted a new set of by-laws, which among other things eliminate any existing discounts for members of the association. The new by-laws also establish an annual meeting of the association for the first Monday in December and give the board of directors power to amend the by-laws by a two-thirds vote.

The board does not, however, have the power to redirect expenditure of the rental money paid by the doctors. That

money, other than what is used for normal expenses of the association, must be used for care of indigent patients.

As was pointed out at the meeting there are still many problems facing Hamlin in keeping a hospital. These involve both Medicare and the Texas State Health Department and basically are technical problems that the doctors will have to work out with these organizations.

During the meeting the stockholders re-elected the following directors: J. C. Turner, Fred Smith, Noel Weaver, M. S. Johnson, A'ton Mayfield, John Scarborough, G. R. Riddle, Raleigh Reynolds and W. T. Johnson.

\$5 Gift Certificates to Be Dropped Here Thursday

Another phase of Hamlin's "Wonderful World of Christmas" will be held Thursday afternoon when \$5 gift certificates will be dropped over the city.

Hamlin Flying Service, under the direction of Clarence Fisher, owner, will drop the certificates by parachute at 2:30 p.m. approximately one hour before the final public drawing for prizes.

The gift certificates will be good in any of the participating stores and must be redeemed before the stores close Friday, Dec. 24.

This will be the last day of the Christmas Program of the Hamlin Board of Community Development which has been spearheaded by the Retail Trade Committee.

If a gift certificate should land on an electrical wire or in a hazardous spot, C. L. Howard, chairman of the committee warns that youngsters should not try to get the certificate down. A West Texas Utilities employee or a fireman will remove it, he said.



FRIETA STEWART
...to Mexico

Frieta Stewart Selected for Trip To Monterrey, Mex.

Frieta Stewart was chosen to represent the Abilene section in Missionary Evangelistic Out Reach being sponsored by the Assemblies of God in Monterrey, Mexico, from Dec. 26 to Jan. 2.

Miss Stewart was interviewed Saturday morning in Waxahachie by a board of the North Texas District and selected for the trip. She is a senior in Hamlin High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Stewart.

A group of teenagers and counsellors from the North Texas District will meet in Austin, Sunday and travel by bus to Laredo. From there they will take a train to Monterrey where they will join with other youth from Kansas, Arkansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and other Texans.

The 285 Assembly of God young people and sponsors will be staying on the campus of the University of Mexico.

The Gospel Outreach will include door-to-door evangelism, street witnessing and revival effort in the evenings.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Pierce of Gordon visited with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Gibson, last week.

FUND DRIVE STARTED—

Fire Destroys H. L. Boles Home Wednesday

Fire of an undetermined origin completely destroyed the home of the H. L. (Cooter) Boles family last Wednesday afternoon while all members of the family were away from the house. All furniture, clothes, other household items, even their car was destroyed.

The house was located about twelve miles northeast of Old Glory on the Butler Ranch. Boles is ranch foreman.

Friends and neighbors have organized a drive to help this family, and persons wishing to contribute cash or goods may leave them at one of the following places:

Old Glory Post Office, care of Lisbon Letz, Postmaster
Rhoads Grocery, Old Glory
Jimmy Johnson Station, Old Glory

George Rhoads, Co. Supt., Aspermont

Any member of the Aspermont Fire Department
Sonny Pittcock, Rule

Rev. Jack Key, 1381 S. Pioneer Dr. Abilene, Pastor of the Sweet Home Baptist Church in Rule.

Living in the home were Mr. and Mrs. Boles and two of their children, Rickey and Cynthia. Cynthia is a senior in Old Glory High School. The Boles have been staying with the C. T. Pierce family until the house can be replaced.

They have three other children, Mrs. Sam Houston of Abilene, Donald Boles of Lewisville, and Francelle of McKinney.

Local FFA Teams Place In District Mechanics Contest

The Hamlin team competing in the District Agricultural Mechanics Contest held in Stamford High School last Wednesday placed second overall and first in electricity.

The contest held for the first time in this district was sponsored by Dickens Electric Coop of Spur, Taylor County Electric Coop in Merkel, Midwest Electric Coop in Roby and Stamford Electric Coop in Stamford.

Four phases were covered in competition, arc welding, plumbing, electricity and tool identification.

Team members were Carlos Gonzalez, Rickey Gruben, John Howard and Larry Jayroe. Larry was high individual in electricity.

Eight teams participated.

Various Schedules Announced for Christmas Closing

Several plans for closing for Christmas have been announced by various businesses in town. A check with offices in the city by the Hamlin Board of Community Development secretary, Mrs. L. C. Bonds, revealed varying schedules for closing.

Retail stores will close Saturday, Christmas Day.

Lone Star Gas Co. will be closed Thursday and Friday of this week. City Hall will close Friday and insurance firms will close at noon Friday and will not be open on Monday.

F & M National Bank will close at noon Friday but will take no other holidays since both Christmas and New Year's come on Saturday when the bank is not open.

West Texas Utilities Co. will be closed Friday.

The Hamlin Herald will be closed Friday and Monday for Christmas but will not take New Year's holiday.

Certified Public Accountants offices will take Friday before Christmas as a holiday.



Let us all celebrate this the most joyous time of the year. Let us be thankful for our many blessings. May this Christmas be filled with happiness for all and may His loving Spirit fill our hearts with kindness toward all mankind.

THE HAMLIN HERALD

FROM THE FILES . . .

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (December 14, 1928)

Tuesday night the Mutual Theatre building was thoroughly packed with men, women and children to see and hear a movie talking program.

Every person there knows now, at least, a little bit, what a fire means in such surroundings, for all that was needed to repeat horrors we have read of, was more fire and fewer openings.

The PTA of the Hitson School Six miles west of town, will give a box supper this Friday night. All proceeds will go to the school. You will enjoy the occasion and get to see some very pretty boxes and cooks."

The business men and others of Hamlin are especially urged to come. The ladies of the Baptist Church have compiled a cook book of True and Tried recipes. The books are now ready for sale. If you want a book phone Mrs. Tate May, No. 112, or tell any Baptist lady and she will get one for you.

It looks like Cranfill & Reynolds will present the Hamlin community with a SEVENTH oil well for a Christmas present. Just think this time last year there was only a mere wild cat out there on the Stephens Ranch. Now there are six producing wells and perhaps a seventh will greet us before Christmas.

The report Wednesday was that they were down below 3,000 feet and that means not more than 150 feet to go before hitting the oil. Oil? Sure, everybody is expecting this Sharp well to get pay. Maybe not. But if something does not break or "bust" or something we will see soon.

Next week ought to bring interesting oil news, not only producers, but new derricks, etc.

TWENTY YEARS AGO (December 14, 1951)

Santa Claus hitch-hiked a ride into downtown Hamlin Saturday on a red truck of the Volunteer Fire Department, and informed several of the hundreds of little boys and girls whom he met that afternoon that he would be back in town again tomorrow (Saturday).

He added that he expected to make a third visit here on Saturday 22, but that time and conditions could possibly prevent it. He assured all the children that he would visit them again soon.

Greater Hamlin was in the full swing and spirit of Christmas this week, shopping going on at an increasing pace and a general air of festivity prevailing throughout the city and district.

Hamlin High School Band was in final rehearsals for its Christmas concert on next Thursday evening, which is expected to be one of the outstanding musicals of the season.

The concert, to be held in the high school auditorium, will feature two soloists, Bobby Norton playing the trombone rendition of "The Holy City," and Jeanne Jones, accordionist, being presented in several selections.

Shortly after noon today (Friday) at 12:45 p.m., the Hamlin High School

A Capella Choir will make its second appearance before the student body, the selections being in the Yuletide spirit.

Tomorrow night (Saturday) there will be a special Yuletide program at the De Priest Colored School at 7:00 o'clock, under direction of Principal Steve Morgan.

Arranged by the Parent-Teacher Association, and directed by Mrs. Bob Nunley, the Mothersingers will present a colorful program of Christmas numbers at the First Methodist Church Monday night of next week.

As a convenience to the public, the Hamlin post office will be open tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon until 5:00 p.m. and the same hours also would be a convenience to all of the post office employees, who already are handling a capacity load of Christmas mail and gift packages, and serving the public these additional hours would give them some opportunities to break down the crush of business.

TEN YEARS AGO (December 14, 1961)

Hamlin has received an invitation to have a special day at the 1962 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, scheduled in Ft. Worth Jan. 26 through February 4.

The invitation provides a special block reservation of seats at the rodeo, with a spotlighted introduction to the rodeo crowd. The local band is invited to play a concert on the Stock Show grounds and be the show's guests at the rodeo.

Special Christmas programs will be presented in several of the local churches during the pre-Christmas week. Check your church calendar to see when special events in your church will take place.

Tim Jones, Hamlin Band director, will lead the four Hamlin School Bands as they present "A Christmas Festival" at 7:30 p.m. December 14 in the high school auditorium.

The Parent Teachers Association will sponsor the Annual Christmas Pageant to be presented in the junior high school auditorium at 3 p.m. Sunday.

The Jones and Fisher County Singing will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Foursquare Church.

According to O. L. Cohorn, two outstanding quartets are expected and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

The Hamlin girls carried off the honors in the girls division of the annual Hamlin Invitational Basketball tournament this past weekend, defeating Avoca, 28-26, in the finals. The Avoca boys defeated Jayton, 60-49, for the boys championship.

The Fifty-Two Study Club will meet Friday at 3 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Tommy Davis, with Mrs. B. O. Bell presenting a color slide program, "Christmas Story in Art."

Each member is reminded to bring a gift.

Mrs. L. B. Baker presented her piano pupils in a recital Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the First Baptist Church.

A Prayer

MAY IT BE THY WILL:

OUR GOD AND GOD OF OUR FATHERS.

THAT THIS COMING YEAR BE UNTO ALL THY PEOPLE

A YEAR OF PLENTY.

A YEAR OF BLESSINGS.

A YEAR OF ASSEMBLY IN THY SANCTUARY.

A YEAR OF HAPPY LIFE FROM THEE.

A YEAR OF DEW AND RAIN AND WARMTH.

A YEAR IN WHICH THOU WILT BLESS OUR BREAD AND WATER.

A YEAR IN WHICH THY MERCIES WILL BE MOVED TOWARD US.

A YEAR OF PEACE AND TRANQUILITY IN WHICH THOU

WILT SET A BLESSING UPON THE WORK OF OUR HANDS.

ANCIENT HEBREW PRAYER

In the Midst
of All This...



LET'S NOT FORGET THIS . . .

"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

"For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved." John 3:16, 17.

We invite you to celebrate the birth of our Saviour by attending church this week, and by spreading good will everywhere you go.

The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

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CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Harold D. Fleming

SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:20 a.m.
Church Training 10:10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Wilton H. Johnston, minister
Lake Drive at Ave. A

SUNDAY

Bible Class 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Midweek service 7:30 p.m.
First United Methodist Church
Rev. Johnnie Williams
48 S.W. Ave. A

SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
M.Y.F. 4:45 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Sharing Groups 7:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Howard J. Jones

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.
Training Union 6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.

SUNSET BAPTIST CHURCH

Randolph Wilson, pastor
Ave. C at 6th

SUNDAY

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
BTS 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

BAPTIST MEXICAN MISSION

Herman Martinez
Stamford Highway

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:40 a.m.
Training Union 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

NEINDA BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Frank Codington, pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:30 p.m.

McCAULLEY METHODIST CHURCH

Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Rev. Marshall Stewart
S.W. 1st at Avenue C

SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
N.Y.P.S. 5:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Patrick Stinson
Aspermont Highway

Sunday

Mass 9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Services 7:30 p.m.

FOURSQUARE CHURCH

Rev. Carl Pool
113 S.W. Avenue D

Sunday

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Crusader Hour 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Prayer, Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Leo F. Scott
Northeast Ave. H.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
B.T.U. 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

219 N.E. Ave. B.

Rev. W. A. Hodge, pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evangelistic service 6:30 p.m.
Wed. prayer meeting 7:30 p.m.

McCAULLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Vergil Smith, pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

EAST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Howard Adams, Minister

Bible Class 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Class 7:30 p.m.

SYLVESTER BAPTIST CHURCH

S.S. 10:00 a.m.

Worship 11:00 a.m.
Training Union 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

N.W. Avenue G at 5th

SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
BTS 6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Song, Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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Rev. Dick D. McAnally, pastor
SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Christ Ambassadors 7 p.m.

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

600 Block N.E. Ave. A

Elder Valery Henderson of
Paducah Pastor
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preceding Saturday night
each month

'Iron' Tree Brings New Dimension to Decorations

A new dimension has been added to the ornate Christmas decorations that fill the home of Mr. and Mrs. Noel Weaver. An "iron" Christmas tree, designed and built by Mr. Weaver, was made especially to hold the beautifully decorated but heavy Christmas balls made by Mrs. Weaver.

Mrs. Weaver started making the heavily jeweled Christmas balls some eight years ago and has consistently added to her collection.

"Last year," she said, "the weight of the decorations pulled the limbs of the natural Christmas tree down." The idea for the iron tree was born last year and was finished in early December for use this year.

Mrs. Weaver made 76 additional ornaments this year in smaller graduating sizes to fit the scroll limbs. There are 154 ornaments on the tree.

She is already looking toward next year when she plans to add more elaborate trimmings to the present ornaments.

Mr. Weaver used 160 feet of

one-fourth inch reinforcing steel for limbs of the tree. The base is a one-way disc to which a 1/2 inch section of pipe is welded. Another section of 1/2 inch pipe forms the center section and then the top of the tree is made of 3/4 inch pipe. To the "trunk" is welded eight two inch lengths of 1/2 inch pipe for each tier to hold the limbs. The curves of the limbs were bent by hand and then welded together.

The first Christmas ball that Mrs. Weaver made was made with pearl corsage pins. The styrofoam ball is completely covered with jewels. This is the heaviest of her collection and weighs approximately three pounds. She uses old jewelry, beads, sequins, jewels, braid, ribbon and other decorations in making the ornaments. The first ones were covered with velvet before they were decorated. Now she uses the satin covered balls.

Other decorations in the home include a cone Christmas tree covered with colored glass in various colors and shapes and

many items made of felt and decorated with sequins and braid.

The front door of the home is a large Santa on a green felt background that is edged in gold. The Santa is made up of red, white and black sequins. Mr. Weaver estimates that his wife sewed approximately 14,000 beads and sequins to make the Santa. Merry Christmas is done in green on a banner of red felt above the Santa.

Outdoor decorations at the Weaver home, 801 Southwest Second, were expanded this year. A cone shaped tree and windows in the brick wall that surrounds the front courtyard are made of broken pieces of glass and lighted from within.

The greetings of Merry Christmas and Happy New Year are mounted on the wall along with Santa and his reindeer.

Only one of the Weavers' sons and his family will get to be with them for Christmas. Guy and his wife, Jan, and children, Terrie, and Noel Wayne will be there for the evening Christmas eve.

Their other son, Dr. Davey Weaver, of Knoxville, Tenn., associate professor of agronomy at the University of Tennessee, and his wife, Mary Ann, and children Chad, and Linda, will do their visiting by telephone.

Mrs. Gerald Barnett Honored With Gift Tea Here Dec. 14

A gift tea in the home of Mrs. Audrey Hodnett honored Mrs. Gerald Barnett Tuesday evening, Dec. 14.

Mrs. Barnett is the former Shelia Mahaffey of Sweetwater. The couple married Dec. 4 in the chapel of the First Baptist Church here.

Guests were served from a polished table which was decorated with a centerpiece of blue and white, the bride's chosen colors. White doves and blue ornaments were used for emphasis.

Hostesses with Mrs. Hodnett were Mines. Othel Sipe, Vernon Sharer, A. Branscum, John Hudson, John Barnett, Paul Goodgame, E. A. Hewitt, Cecil Sellers, Gerald Young, Parker Kelley and Cecil Richardson.

Young H'makers Hold Christmas Dinner Friday

The Young Homemakers held their first annual Christmas dinner Friday evening in the high school cafeteria.

Dinner music was provided by Debra Hollis, Debbie Jay, Mignon Williams and Sonja Williams.

After dinner, the New Image trio presented religious and Christmas music.

Games of Bingo were played with white elephant gifts as prizes.

Attending were Messrs. and Mines. Guy Weaver, Corky Taylor, J. E. McCoy Jr., Burt Oliver, Blaine Bennett, Dan Newberry, John Poe, Randy Brown, Danny Warner, Mac Reid, Robert Moore, Larry McCoy and Mrs. Travis Sura.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Mink, Sherry, Terry and Gary Mink.

Miss Viola Avants Hosts B&PW Club Christmas Dinner

Miss Viola Avants was hostess for the Christmas dinner for members of the Hamlin Business and Professional Women's Club at her home Dec. 14.

Mrs. Frank Shearer, vice president, presided.

Gifts were received by each member.

Miss Avants served Mmes. Etta Bond, W. B. Britton, Luther Haught, W. C. Hargrove, R. B. Hennington, Mac Reid, Kenneth Riddle, Frank Shearer, LaFoy Patterson and I. R. Witt.

The TonDa Camp Fire girls met Thursday at the hut. The girls made pixies for Christmas. Mrs. Coye Pritchard served refreshments. They had their Christmas party. The leader passed out her gifts to the girls.



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT RHOTON
... to be honored Sunday

Rhotons to Mark 50th Anniversary

The children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rhoton will honor their parents Sunday from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at an open house at their home, 29 N. W. Ave. D, celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

The children are Mrs. Sam Duboise, Mrs. Arthur Waltrip Jr., both of Abilene, Mrs. B. W. Burrow of Wichita Falls, Mrs. L. V. Hill of Wink and Robert Rhoton Jr. of Hereford.

Also in the houseparty will be Mrs. Rhoton's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Earls. The granddaughters will serve.

Mr. Rhoton was born May 3, 1900, in Tarrant County, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Rhoton.

Mrs. Rhoton, the former

Mary Elizabeth Earls, was born Dec. 19, 1904, in Eastland Co., daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Earls.

The couple met in early spring of 1920 at a Sunday evening singing in Plasterco, which is now Celotex.

They were married Dec. 25, 1921, in her parents' home in Sylvester. They lived seven years in Fisher County and then moved to Jones County where they have continued to live.

They are members of Central Baptist Church. He is a retired farmer and enjoys fishing as a hobby.

Mrs. Rhoton's hobbies are fishing and crocheting. They have 15 grandchildren.

Jane Hymer, Jerry Braley Wed In Baptist Church Rites Sunday

Rebecca Jane Hymer of Austin and Lance Corporal Jerry Wayne Braley were married here Sunday at 4:30 p.m. in the chapel of First Baptist Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Mildred Hymer of Hamlin and Fred Hymer of Anson. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. L. M. (Whitley) Braley of Hamlin.

Rev. Larry Braley of Lub-

bock, brother of the bridegroom, officiated.

Attendants were Mrs. Spencer Ford and James Asher.

The couple will be at home after Dec. 28 in Cherry Point, N. C., where Cpl. Braley is assigned with the U. S. Marine Corps.

Both are graduates of Hamlin High School. The bride was employed before her marriage by Kenneth and David's Beauty Salon in Austin.



MR. AND MRS. E. L. JENKINS SR.
... at Golden Wedding observance

Open House Marks Anniversary Here

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lloyd Jenkins Sr., Route 1, were honored Sunday with an open house in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

The couple's children and grandchildren hosted the event. Family members were present.

The children are Mrs. Herman Sharer, Mrs. Dwaine Stephens, Mrs. Don Wright of Fort Worth and E. L. Jenkins Jr. of Stamford.

Mrs. Gary Connolly of Waco, a granddaughter, presided at the registry.

Mr. Jenkins was born Sept. 9, 1898, in Collin County.

Mrs. Jenkins, the former Thelma Gladys Bryan, was born Jan. 28, 1902, in Collin

County. They met in church at Dovie and were married Dec. 18, 1921, in the Fairview Baptist Church east of Hamlin.

Mr. Jenkins, a retired farmer, enjoys fishing as a hobby. Mrs. Jenkins' hobbies are gardening and working with flowers.

They have seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

PRE-NUPTIAL GIFT TEA HONORS MRS. RONALD HALL

Mrs. Ronald Hall, the former Donna Hallmark, was honored prior to her marriage with a gift

Phebean Class Meets for Holiday Social Thursday

The Phebean Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church met Thursday in the home of Mrs. Albert George at 4 p.m. for their Christmas social. Mrs. Tom Gregory was co-hostess.

Mrs. George, outreach leader presided. Mrs. Howard Jones, a guest, gave the opening prayer. Mrs. O. H. Harvey brought the devotional on "Thoughts of Christmas."

With Christmas music playing in the background, the group exchanged Christmas gifts. Favors were corsages of mistletoe.

Refreshments of cake, cookies, coffee and punch were served.

Others attending were Mmes. L. J. Cunningham, teacher, Mmes. Leona Carter, Mary Kirkland, C. W. Thomas, Irma Hall, Lula Crawford, Claude Crowley, Ben Parker, Bonnie Bingham, M. C. Holmes, Mayme Deel and Noel Weaver.

Friends Class Holds Salad Supper Here Dec. 14

Mrs. J. E. McCoy Jr. was hostess for a salad supper Dec. 14 for members of Friends Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Lee Ward, outreach leader, presided. Toys and stuffed animals were brought to be distributed to the needy in the community by the Ministerial Alliance.

Mrs. McCoy gave the devotional on the Christmas story, "The Night of Nights" by Billy Graham from Decision magazine.

Mrs. George Pruitt, teacher, was presented a gift from the class. She gave each member a Bible marker.

Mrs. Howard Jones, a guest, gave the closing prayer.

Others attending were Mmes. H. L. Ford, Paul Cooper, J. D. Kitchen, John Howard Jr., Elbert Payne, Herman Sharer and Cecil Sellers.

The Jan. 25 meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Sellers.

Brown Family Reunion Held In Rodgers Home

The family of the late Mr. and Mrs. James T. Brown met here Saturday and Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rodgers for a family reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Christenson of Mesquite, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Brown of Wills Point, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Patterson of DeSoto and Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Farmer of Fort Worth came to be with Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Maynard, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brown, all of Hamlin, and Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Bingham of Anson.

Jaycee-ettes Hold Christmas Party For Youngsters

The Jaycee-ettes and their children had a Christmas Party Thursday evening in the Jaycee Building. The children were treated with a visit from Santa and gathered around to tell him their Christmas wishes.

Attending were John Bill and Jana Maddox, Mitch and Jeff Lawlis, Misty and Matt Waldon, Kathy and Paula Prewitt, Mendy Smith, Brad Lakey, Missy, Kimi and Kyle Hodges and Tonya and Hether Brumley.

Santa presented everyone with a gift.

Refreshments of punch and Christmas cookies were served.

tea in the home of Mrs. M. L. Smith, Dec. 11.

Guests were greeted by Mrs. Smith and presented to the honoree, her mother, Mrs. Steve Herring, and the bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Frank Hall.

The serving table was covered with a white organdy cloth with three tiers of ruffles edged in satin. The centerpiece was red and white. Crystal and silver appointments were used.

Hostesses with Mrs. Smith were Mmes. W. C. Lockhart, W. W. Wallace, E. J. Rowland, Ione Cheshire, L. V. Miller, Doc Neal, Cliff Reynolds Jr., Fred Truchman, Don Elmore, Fred South, James Eddie Jay, Franklin Willis, J. B. May, Marvin Crawford, W. O. Hayes, Young Bill Maddox, John Holtz, Ruby Seifres and Miss Pat Blankinship.

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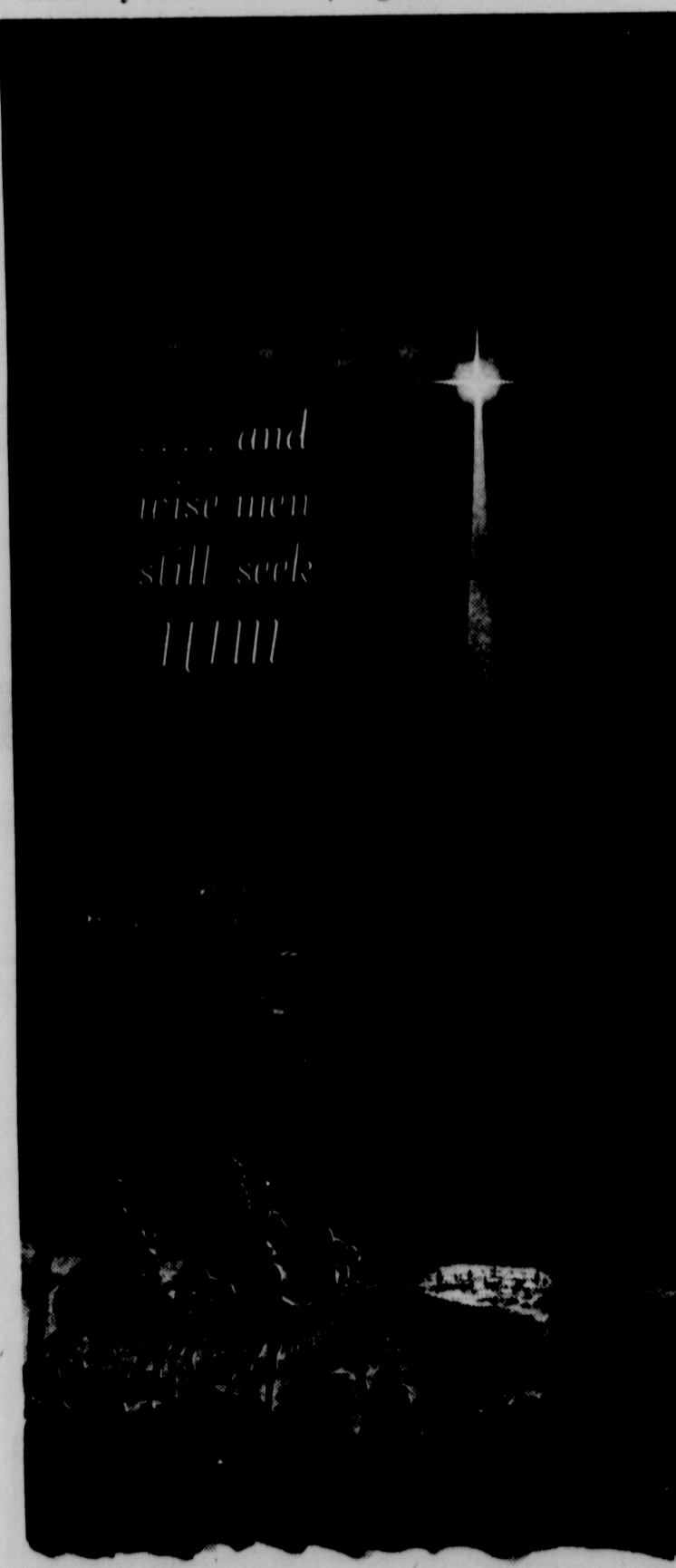
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SANTA GREET VISITORS — Visitors at the Noel Weaver home are greeted at the front door by a jolly Santa in a gaily decorated suit of sequins made by Mrs. Weaver, right.



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Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to thank the Hamlin school system and the entire city of Hamlin for hundreds of cards, food, flowers, visits and those contributions to various organizations in his memory. The many words of comfort you gave to Tweety and me during the grief over the sudden death of our beloved husband, father and brother. May God richly bless each of you is our prayer.
Cassie Mae, Iva Jaye and the entire Starr family.

CARD OF THANKS
The kindness and thoughtfulness shown to us by friends, neighbors, doctors and nurses during our recent sadness helped us so much to comfort us. We are sincerely appreciative.
The family of Felix Addison Askins

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WANT TO BUY used adding machine. Call 576-9415. Jack Mickler.

Real Estate For Sale

HOME FOR SALE — Price reduced \$1,000 for Christmas special on this five room frame, four carpeted, one bath, large kitchen dining area. Easy terms can be arranged on this \$5,500 home with the sales price for this month to be only \$4,500. See this good buy at 437 N. Central in Hamlin, then call Stamford Federal Savings and Loan Association 773-2714 collect for further information.

FOR SALE — Six room frame home with carport, two air conditioners, separate storage room, fenced backyard in an excellent neighborhood. The price on this house is \$7,500.00; location is 638 NW 7th, Hamlin. Contact Stamford Federal Savings and Loan Association, Box 511, Stamford; Phone 773-2714 for further information.

Miscellaneous

RENT the Jaycee community building for parties, family reunions and special occasions. Call Jerry Smith 576-3638.

Bids, Legal, Auction

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Adelicio Chavez AND Frank Baca:
GREETING:
You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 3rd day of January, A.D., 1972, at or before 10 o'clock A.M., before the Honorable District Court of Jones County, at the Court House in Anson, Texas. Said plaintiff's first Amended Original petition was filed on the 16 day of November, 1971. The file number of said suit being No. 11,011
The names of the parties in said suit are: Auvis Allen Pittman, et ux, to adopt minor as Plaintiffs. The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: To adopt minor child
If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.
Issued this 18th day of November A.D., 1971.
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Anson, Texas, this 18th day of November A.D., 1971.
District Court Jones County, Texas By Deputy

POLITICAL CALENDAR

The Hamlin Herald is authorized to make the following announcements for office in Jones County, subject to action of the Democratic primary in 1972.
All political announcements, advertising and printing are cash in advance.
For Sheriff, Jones County —
WOODROW (WOODY) SIMMONS
(Re-election)

DPS Expect Almost 100 To Die During Holidays

AUSTIN — Colonel Wilson E. Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, today issued a plea for Texas motorists to join law enforcement officials in a conscious effort to reduce holiday traffic accidents.
Speir said the DPS expects almost 100 traffic fatalities in Texas during the Christmas-New Year holiday season. He estimates that 52 persons will be killed during the Christmas period from 6 p.m. Thursday, December 23 through midnight Sunday, December 26. An additional 46 deaths are expected during the New Year holiday which begins at 6 p.m. Thursday, December 30 and ends at midnight Monday, January 2.
The DPS director cited statistics which show that last year, December led all other months for fatal traffic accidents in Texas. He said deaths for the 1970 Christmas weekend were 14 percent higher than the average three-day weekend period, with those for the New Year holidays running 51 percent above average. Deaths for all four major holiday weekends in Texas last year were 26 percent higher than the average of all other comparable weekend periods.
In an effort to reduce the expected toll, Speir said the Department of Public Safety and local law enforcement officers will be out in force during the holidays, and will be paying special attention to hazardous violations such as speeding and driving while intoxicated.
Also, in cooperation with local agencies and the news media of Texas, the DPS will conduct its "Operation Motorcade" during both the Christmas and New Year holidays. Special tabulations on fatal accidents will be prepared and issued three times daily in an effort to focus maximum public attention on the accident and traffic problem.

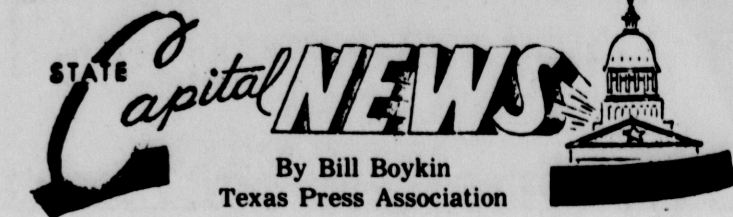
Favorite Recipes

Two recipes were submitted this week by Mrs. Mayme V. Deel in time for holiday preparation.
The cake recipe is especially for persons on a diabetic diet. A good substitute for fruit cake, it is also suitable for a diabetic child's birthday cake. She highly recommends the cake. It is high in carbohydrates, but contains no sugar.
The cranberry jelly is a quick one and will help the busy cook.
DIABETIC CAKE
1 c. butter
1 T. artificial sweetener
1 egg
1 c. dates (sliced thin)
2 small cans diabetic applesauce
1/2 t. cinnamon
1/2 t. cloves
1 t. vanilla
2 c. flour
2 t. soda
1 c. pecans, coarsely chopped
Cream the butter; mix the eggs, sweetener and vanilla then add to the butter. Sift dry ingredients together, add remaining ingredients. Bake at

Junior High Teams Drop Three Games To Anson Monday

The Hamlin Junior High School basketball team.. dropped all three games with Anson Monday evening. They will play Rotan next in the first round of the Anson Tournament, Monday, Jan. 3.
The Anson eighth grade boys defeated the local eighth graders, 36-28, with Daniel Willis scoring 15 points for Hamlin. The local seventh grade boys lost, 30-20, with Delbert Thompson scoring nine points for Hamlin. Melissa Madden scored five points as the local girls lost to Anson, 17-11.

Dr. Everett K. Gibson Jr. of Houston and Mary Morgana, Shott of Bluefield, W. Va., visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Gibson last week.



AUSTIN — Texas Democrats were scheduled to get their first look last week at a draft of proposed new party rules which are stirring some friction among state party leaders.
State Democratic Executive Committee Chairman Roy Orr of DeSoto said the SDEC rules sub-committee will hold a public hearing on the proposals here January 12 at 10 a.m. Findings will then go to the full SDEC.
Some top-ranking party officers, including National Committeewoman Mrs. Carrin Patman of Ganado, fear Orr has little enthusiasm for "reform" procedures recommended in the rules draft. Orr insists he has an open mind and wants a broad-based study. Last month, he added 12 new members to the original 10-member rules-drafting panel.
Among provisions in the new rules draft are these:
Those who accept party office including positions as convention delegates must pledge to support all party nominees or face removal.
Eighteen-year-olds can participate in Democratic conventions.
Conventions must make "every feasible effort" to encourage youth, women and minority group representation on national nominating delegations.
Delegate slates should reflect a fair proportion of presidential preferences in line with the state division.
At least 75 percent of national convention delegates would be elected by senatorial district caucuses and others at-large, by the June presidential-year convention on the basis of a "straw poll" on presidential preferences.
Two alternatives are suggested for precinct convention delegate selection — by slates of candidates backing rival presidential contenders or by "candidate caucus."

In other recent opinions, Martin concluded:
The State Department of Health can purchase identifying shoulder patches for those operating public and private emergency ambulances licensed by the state.
Athletic coaches not paid as "trainers" may use such devices as ultrasound, diathermy and whirlpool on athletes without special licenses. A member of the Texas Board of Athletic Trainers may not be employed by the Board in the position of executive secretary.
SHORT SNOTS
The Texas economy has not yet recovered from a 1969-70 recession, Texas Employment Commission says.
Governor Smith dedicated the giant Christmas tree in the capitol rotunda to prisoners of war and those missing military action.
Department of Public Safety Director Wilson Speir predicted nearly 100 deaths in Texas during Christmas-New Year's holidays.
State Board of Insurance promises the nation's toughest rules for enforcing new Texas insurance holding company systems act.
David T. Lopez of Houston is the new special assistant for public relations on the AFL-CIO's state headquarters staff.
R. L. Thornton Jr. of Dallas was sworn in as a member of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission last week.
Francis A. Miskell, University of Texas system director of state affairs, died in a Houston hospital at 47.
Governor promised all available help for flooded areas in Northeast Texas.
First meeting of the new Texas Ranger Commemorative Commission was held at Fort Fisher, Waco, December 16, to begin planning for the 150th anniversary of the famed law enforcement force in 1973.
A new public health region will serve El Paso, Hudspeth, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Presidio and Brewster counties.
Texas is in final phases of a four-step hog cholera eradication program. Producers will now have increased markets out-of-state.
Forty-one criminal justice grants totalling more than \$2.2 million received final approval.
Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley Park southwest of Mission has been reopened to the public, though trailer and restroom facilities damaged by floods are still not in service.

At least one-third of any delegation at any level must be of sex opposite to that of the rest of the delegation.
SDEC would include three youth representatives.
AG OPINIONS — State Highway Department full-time hourly employees are entitled to the same general fringe benefits as monthly employees, but part time employees cannot get sick leave-with-pay or group health insurance payments, Atty. Gen. Crawford C. Martin has held.

cated Americans emulate these old-world craftsmen. They make Wise Men, usin cans and plastic foam heads embellished with bright and ingenious decorations.
Custom decrees that the Magi be met on Epiphany Eve at the edge of town. In Portugal, young and old go out that night, carrying a variety of food for men and animals. This colorful caravan also offers presents such as artfully arranged bouquets of dried flowers, grasses, and feathers, and splendid metallic palmettos bound with beads or mirrors at their centers.

But alas for the welcoming committee, the Magi always seem to slip into town by another road. When the disappointed children have eaten the goodies and returned, they are comforted by finding the Wise Men assembled in the village church. Then they parade in with their wonderful gifts for the wily Kings.
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route of the Magi
Portugal and Spain reportedly was the path taken by the Kings. Here on the route of the Magi the Wise Men are of particular importance in the Andalusian countries.
Sidewalk shops and kiosks offer reproductions for sale in glittering array — some of carved wood, some of papier-mache or pottery.

HOLIDAY MOON
A waxing moon is more favorable at Christmas than a waning one, according to an old Scottish folk belief.

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FRI. 24 — SAT. 25
GREGORY PECK
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Sun. 26 - Mon. 27 - Tues. 28
"HORROR HOUSE"
"DRACULA, PRINCE OF DARKNESS" IN COLOR

WED. 29 — THURS. 30
XX ADULTS ONLY XX
"SWINGING HIGH" IN SEX COLOR

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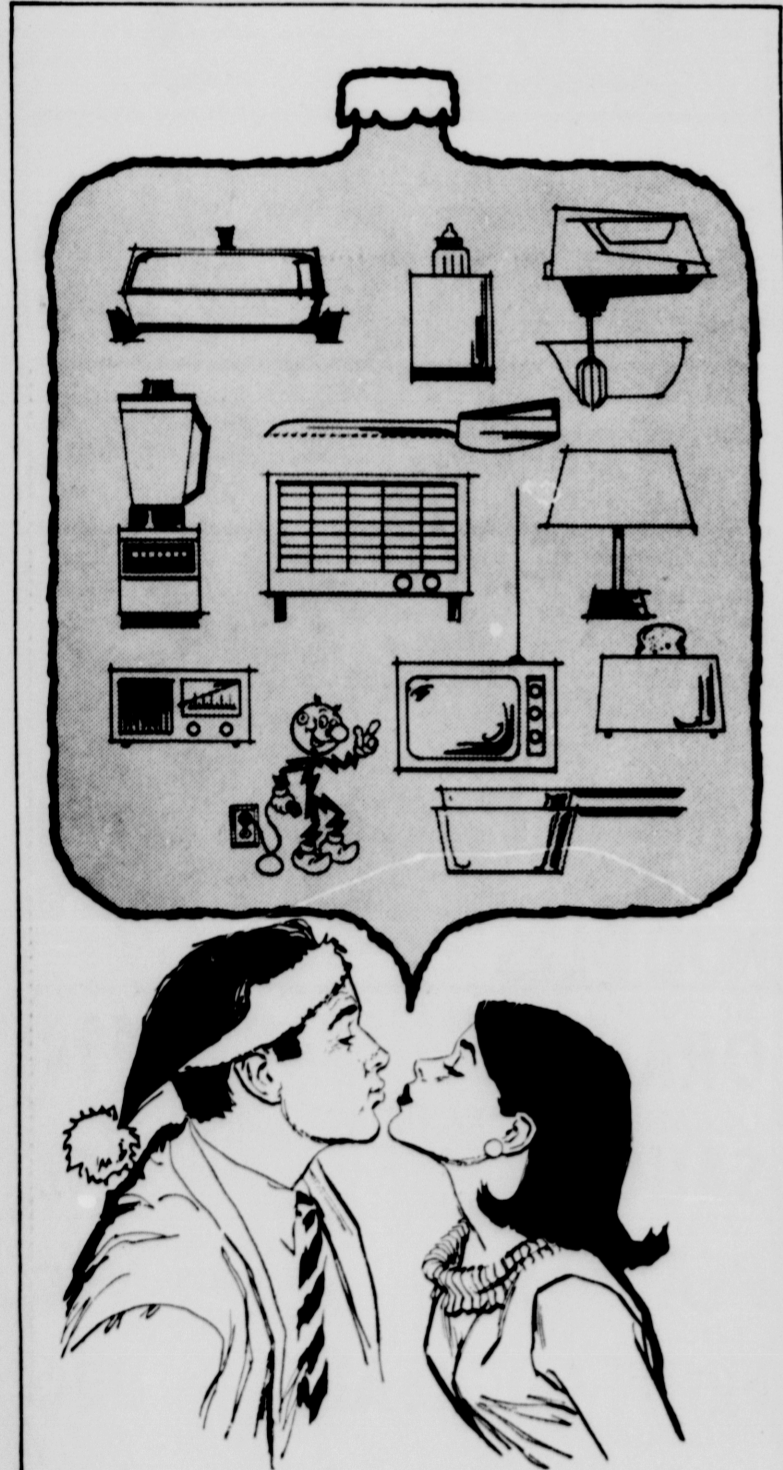
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**Christmas
Symbols
Have Roots
In History**

The star that you hang on the tip of your tree... the mistletoe that Janie fastens hopefully at the doorway, these and other symbols of Christmas have reasons for being.

Legends about the Christmas tree abound. The Druids are said to have worshipped trees for themselves thousands of years ago. Gradually the tree took its rightful place among the symbols of worship.

In Scandinavia the people once idolized trees. When they became Christians they made trees part of Christmas festivities.

Holiday Greetings



We wish you a Christmas that is beautiful in every way!

BILLIE'S BEAUTY BAR
Billie Harughtv Judy Jones

*be aware of
the angels
abiding
around you*

Not all the angels are celestial beings, though we honor the heavenly host, especially at Christmas-time.

Angels are for all times, and for all places. Most of us have a feeling that we have a "personal angel" guarding us, a mediator with the Creator in time of stress.



Health, wealth, and happiness!

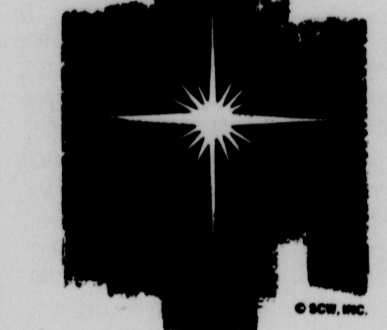
**HAMLIN FLOWER SHOP
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Byrdie Madden, Frankie Wilson, Opal Smith
Babs Jeffrey, Ossie Crowley and Ruby Smith




May this Holy Season bring you an abundance of happiness!

MACKEY'S CLEANERS
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Another legend holds that the first Christmas tree was seen in a vision experienced by an English missionary named Winfrid. Later he was called Boniface. It happened about 1,200 years ago when he was going through northern Germany. One day he stumbled on a group of non-believers huddled at an oak tree. They were preparing to sacrifice a little prince, Asulf, to the god Thor.




HERE'S WISHING YOU A JOYOUS AND GLORIOUS CHRISTMASTIME!

FRANK'S TV
Frank and Margaret Shearer

But there are other angels. For example, when someone speaks rudely to you, and you do not respond with rudeness, an angel has visited you, illuminating your mind and heart with understanding. You realize that this person is troubled, is perhaps fearful, that there is a break of communications that would only be widened if you respond in kind. An angel helps to "build bridges" among humankind.

When you feel or see beauty, you are host to angels. And when you create beauty in the midst of darkness or evil, you belong with the seraphic group itself.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS


CONNALLY FORD SALES
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a Joyous Christmas

May Yuletide cheer light your way to a year with happiness each day.

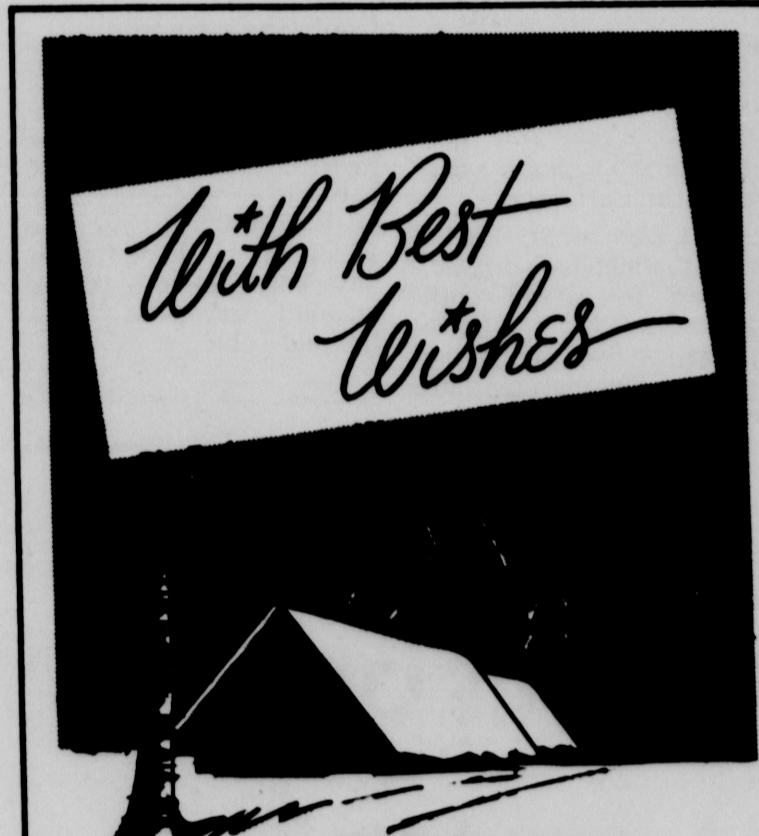
KINCAID GAS & APPLIANCE



Winfrid stopped the ceremony and chopped down the oak. As the tree fell, a young fir tree appeared. Winfrid interpreted this as the tree of life, saying it represented Christ.

The custom of decorating homes with green branches actually harks back to the days before Christ's birth. Romans exchanged tree branches for good luck at the start of January. The English copied the custom, associating it with Christmas. An old English rhyme explained it this way:

"Holly and ivy, box and bay, put in the church on Christmas Day."



A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

PIED PIPER CAR WASH
A. B. French




When you overcome the fears and doubts that assail all of us so-called "civilized" beings, if you rise to heights of achievement in spite of forces of lethargy and other self-protecting devices, you are in the company of angels.

This Christmas try to move thoughts away from self. It is so human to think of "Number One" first. We are all subject to this temptation. But this Holy Season we can make an effort to be more loving, more patient, more understanding, more spiritually intelligent; we can become doers, and not just spectators, or well-wishers. We can become involved in situations that demand the purposeful activity of all sensitive and thoughtful persons.



May this coming year be a time of happiness, joy and lasting peace for you

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a wreath of best wishes to all our wonderful loyal friends.


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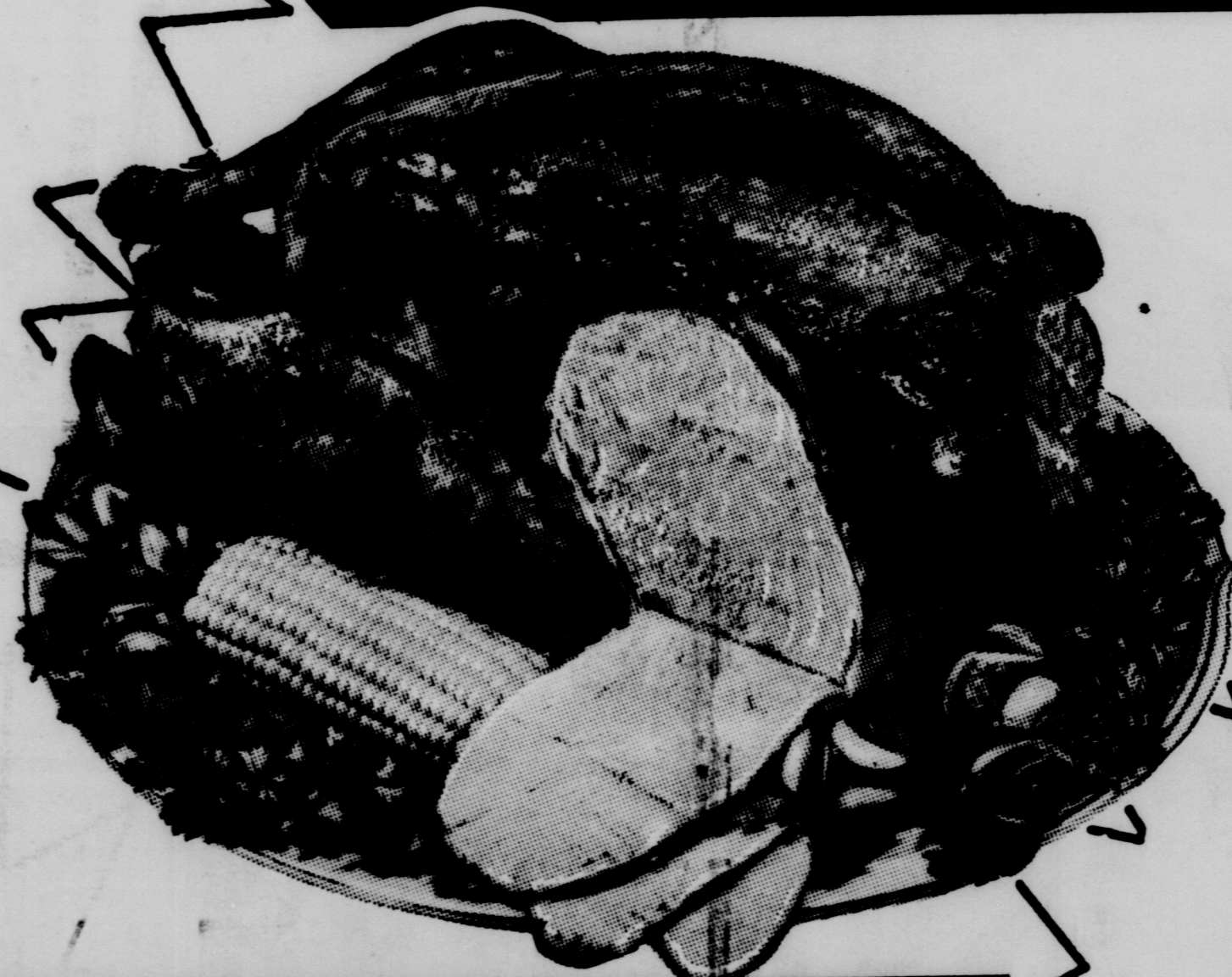
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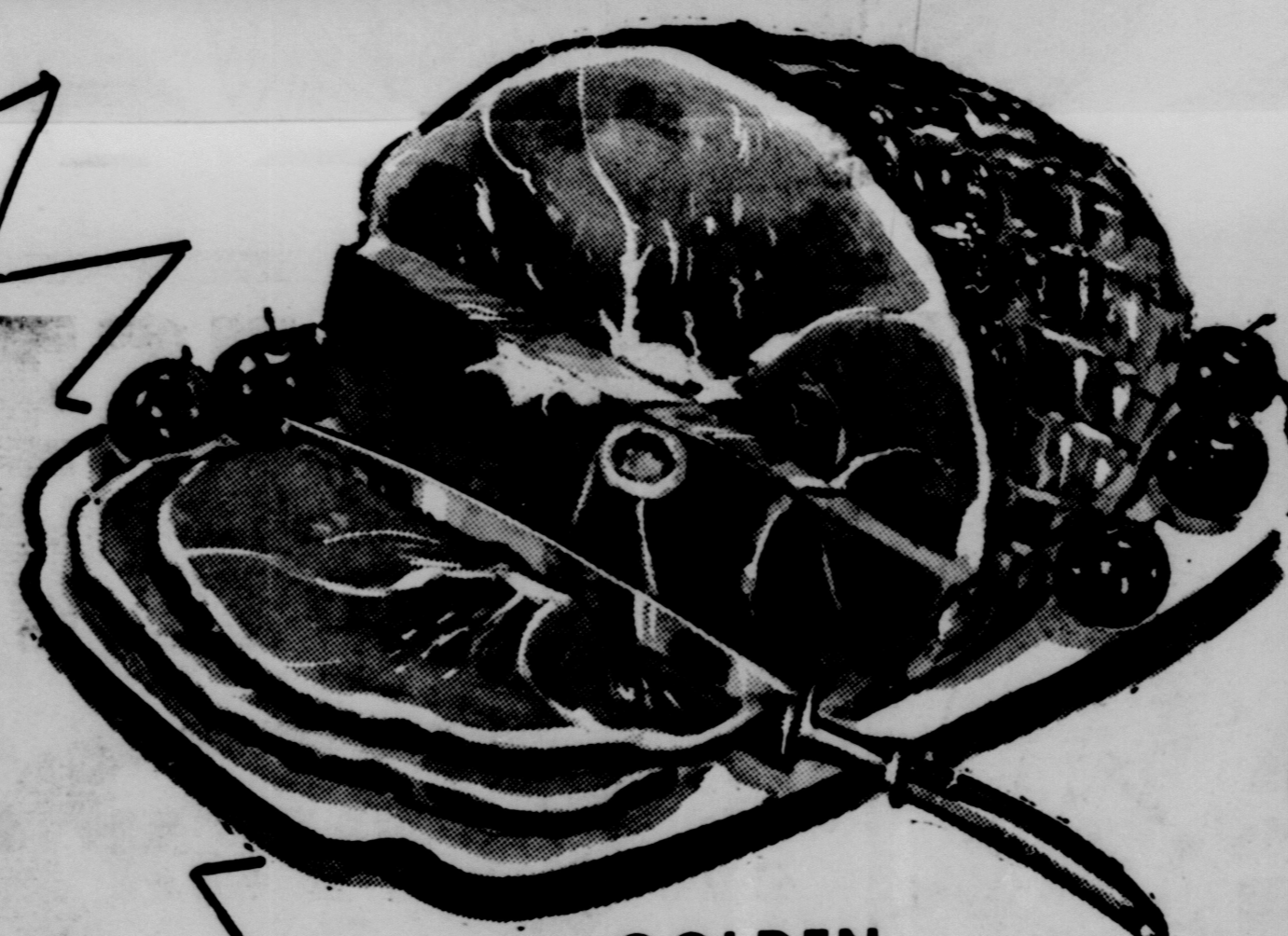
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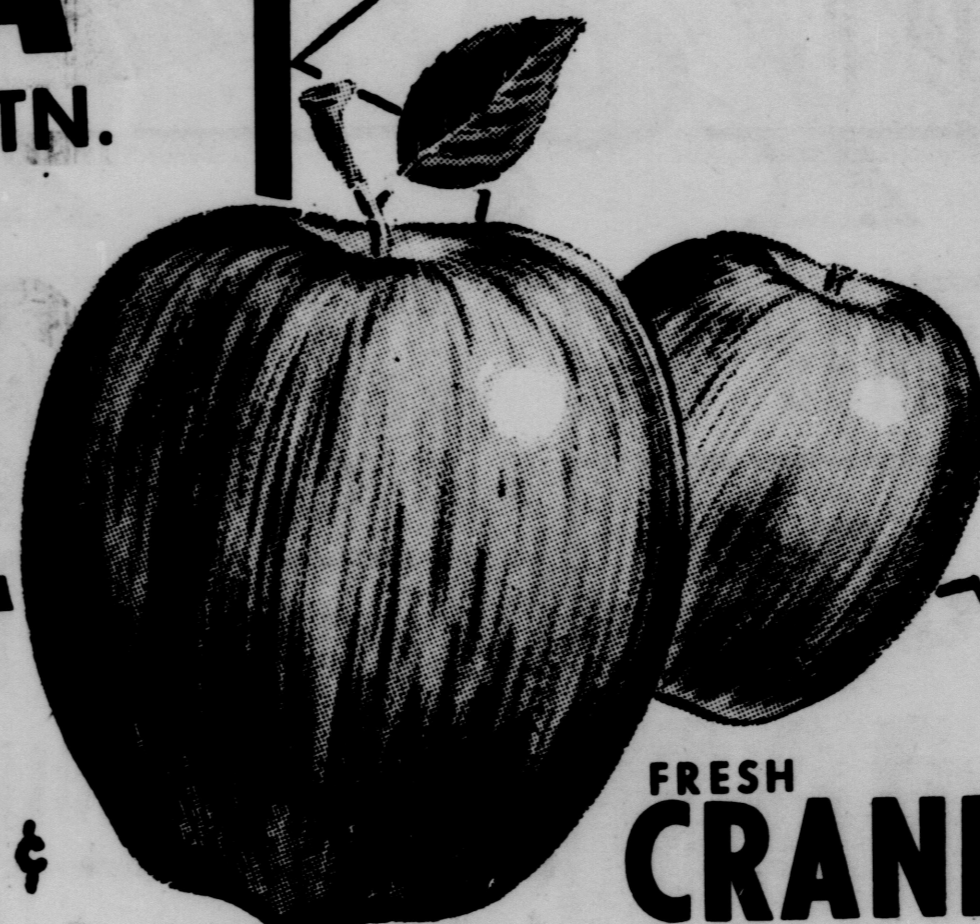
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make me an instrument of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light, and
Where there is sadness, joy.

O, divine master,

grant that I may not so much
Seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born
to eternal life.

FRANCIS OF ASSISI
1182-1226 A.D.

obscure
ecclesiastic
was the 1st
Saint Nick

St. Nicholas, the Bishop of Myra, born in the fifth century in Patara, Turkey, was a living legend during his lifetime because of his love of people and his charities.

Nicknamed fondly Noel Baba, he was known as the saint of virgins, for helping poor and unmarried girls to secure dowries for marriage.

He was also the favorite of seamen. Even pirates respected him because of his uncanny sixth sense about weather.

His bones, believed to have curative powers, were stolen from his tomb here and carried to Bari, Italy, 1087, where they still rest.

Why is St. Nicholas associated with Christmas?

Festivities of St. Nicholas Day, which falls on Dec. 6, used to extend until Christmas time, and were so popular that finally the two were incorporated into one — making St. Nicholas

St. Francis Tried to
Awaken Christ-Spirit
Among the Hedonists

Like all the stories about Francis of Assisi, the following story bears record of his faithful conformity to the example of humility and poverty personified in his Lord, Jesus Christ.

Long ago, in the 13th century when Francis went about doing his good deeds in a dark world, he and a few of his companions were celebrating the festival of Christmas in the friars' lodging at Rieti. Some of the monks thought it fitting, because of the presence of a high ecclesiastic, to lay out a table "a bit special," and set out a table with white linen and glassware.

When Francis saw the elegance of the table he called one of the monks and told him to tell the friars not to wait for him if he should not come promptly at mealtime.

When the friars had got midway into the feast there was a knock on the door. Francis entered, leaning heavily on a beggar's staff and advancing meekly as a pauper. In a beseeching voice he called out, "For the love of the Lord God, give alms to this poor, infirm pilgrim!"

The visiting priest and all at the table gasped with astonishment. Finally the guest of honor broke the startled silence. "For the love of that Lord whom thou hast named, we will give you of the alms which the Lord has given us."

Francis humbly accepted the platter and bread the prelate offered him and sat down on the dirt floor beside the table.

Again silence fell over all. The friars looked miserable and unhappy with their beloved leader squatting on the ground like a beggar, and could not eat. Francis at last spoke:

"When I saw the table worshipfully and sumptuously laid out, I thought within myself it was not the table of poor men of God who daily go from door to door for alms. For it becomes us, dearest, more than other men, to follow the example of the humility and poverty of Christ, because we are professed and called to this before God and men.

Dear brothers, the feasts of the Lord and of the holy men of God are rather honored with the want and poverty by which those godly men conquered heaven for themselves than with the elegance and superfluity by which they are far removed from heaven."

Francis spoke these words with a gentle voice, without the edge of reproof and reproach.

No wonder men and women from all walks of life were compelled to believe in the love of God because they saw it witnessed daily in the life of this little man of God!



Peace on Earth
Good Will
Toward men...

Let us renew the message of
Christmas at this season.

MAC'S

LUTHER AND MARTHA HAUGHT



O holy
Night

May the Spirit of Christmas abide
with you throughout the Coming Year

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TO ALL!

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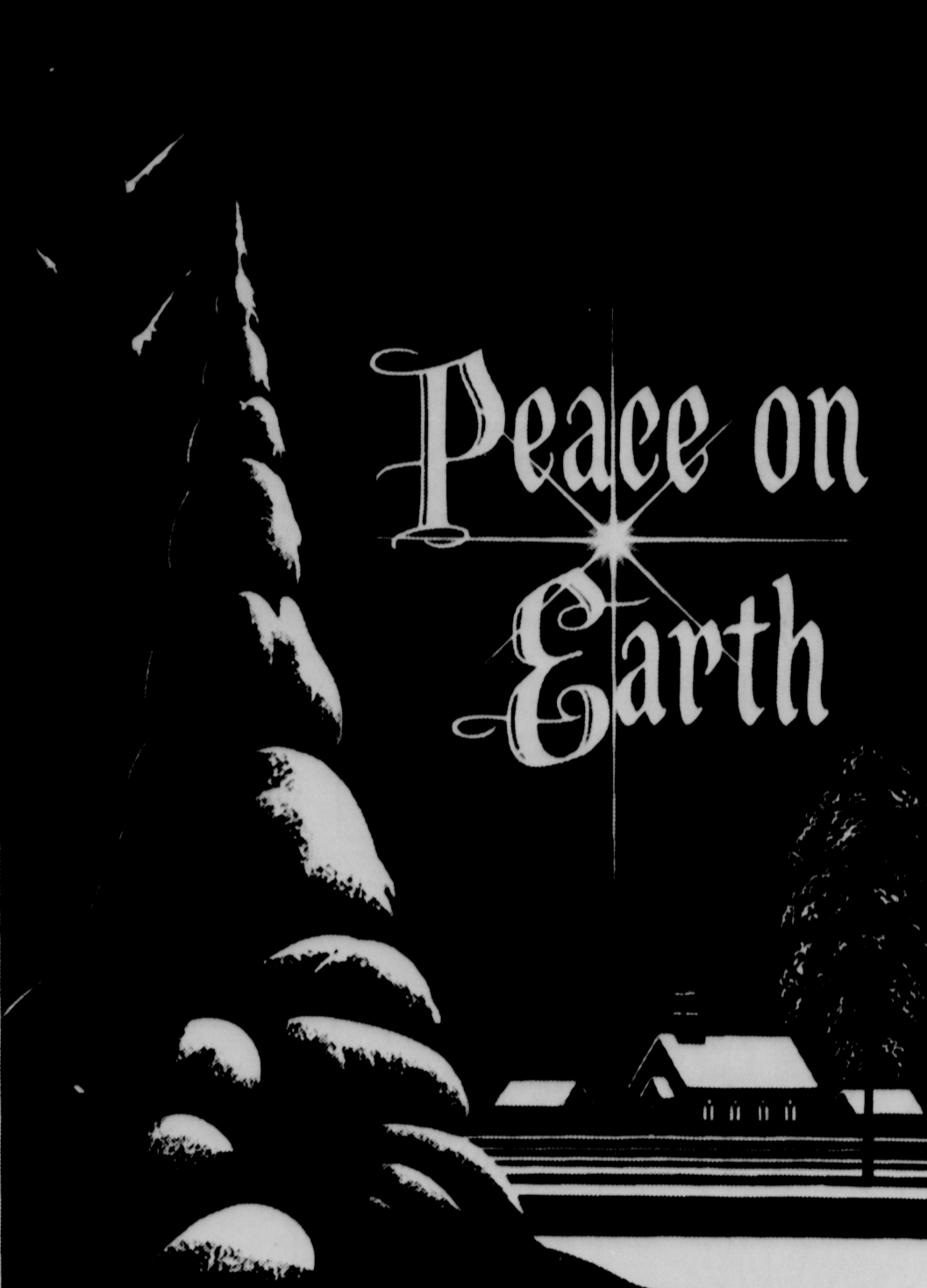
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Season's Greetings



Yuletide greetings to
one and all! May your holidays
be filled with gladness.

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Peace on
Earth

May the beauty of the Season brighten your
life, not only at Christmas, but always.

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We wish you Health, and good Fires; Victuals, Drink and good Stomachs, innocent Diversion, and good Company; honest Trading, and good Success; loving Courtship, and good Wives, and lastly a merry CHRISTMAS and a happy NEW YEAR.

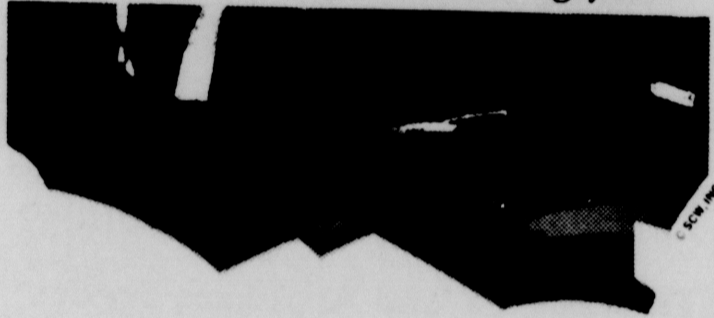
Virginia Almanack

Sing hey! Sing hey!
For Christmas Day;
Twin mistletoe and holly.
For friendship glows
In winter snows,
And so let's all be jolly!

— Anonymous



May the spiritual glow of this glorious season remain with you and bless you through the coming year.



JOE HUDSPETH'S



Dear Santa,
I have been a very very very good boy. Please bring me what I want.

This is what I want.

Skate board
Puppy dog
Kite
Basketball
Bicycle
Notebook
Hot Birds
Johnny Lightening
Shooting gallery
Big Rail Train
Chip Away
Screaming Demon

I love you.
Your friend,
John B. Maddox

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle and a puppy and a sewing machine and a play Santa Claus. I watched your show. I want a Baby Tender Love.
I very very Good,
Jana

Dear Santa,
My name is Craig Kelley and I am 7 years old. I have been a pretty good boy this year and I would like you to bring me a G.I. Joe outfit and a machine gun. I could also use a new pair of pajamas and a robe.
Love,
Craig Kelley, age 7

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Dennis Kelley and I am 6 years old. I have almost been a good boy and I would like a G.I. Joe Outfit for Christmas. I would also like a machine gun like my brother wants. I could use a new rod and

reel but since your sack isn't very big I can wait til my birthday.
I love you,
Dennis Kelley, age 6

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Mischell Kelley and I am 2 years old. Since I can't write my mommy is writing this for me. I would like a baby doll and a telephone for Christmas. I have been good and so have my brothers. Please bring my dog Red a toy too.
I love you Santa,
Mischell Kelley, age 2

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a tractor for Christmas.
My little cousin, Tammy Sue, needs a doll.
Thank you,
Gary Young

Dear Santa,
We have tried to be good this year and would like for you to bring us both a bicycle and skates. Matt also wants a road grader and I want some checkers.
I'll color a picture of you.
We will leave you some cake and milk.
Thank you,
Misty and Matt Waldon

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good boy this year. I would like a set of drums and a set of guns. Tell Rudolph "hello" for me.
Love,
Brad Hobbs
Rt. 2
Eastland, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am six years old. I would like a bike and a G. I. Joe. My sister is two years old. She

wants a talking doll and a bike too. My new cousin is 20 days old and please bring him a stuffed animal. I have been pretty good so try to bring these things to us. We love you Santa.
Mike, Tina Simpson
Phillip Ponder
We live at 531 N. W. Ave. F.
Hamlin, Texas.

Dear Santa,
I am five years old and can't write yet, so my Daddy is writing for me. I would like for you to bring me a baby I can bathe in the bathtub with me. I think her name is "Baby Tender Love." I need a new bathrobe, too. Please bring my Nanny a surprise and leave it at my house. I have been a very good girl this year. I love Santa and Rudolph and sure hope they can find my house Christmas Eve night.
Love,
Missy Jenkins
540 N. W. Ave. G.
Hamlin, Texas
P.S. My Daddy has been a pretty good boy this year, too.

Dear Santa Claus,
Philip wants a Playschool camper, Musical Mail truck, and a Daper Dan. I want a Moving, grooving Velvet, Operation, Moccasin Kit (size 6) Crushed Rock Picture. Stephen wants a Musical Teddy Bear and Milk truck.
We will be at Grandpa's and Grandma's house. Please come there.
Love,
Leah, Philip & Stephen

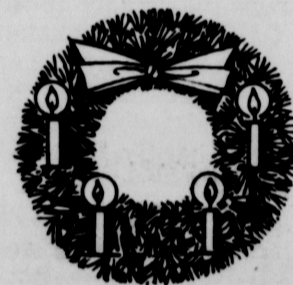
Dear Santa Claus,
I am four years old and I have been a good girl all year. I want a purple bicycle, hoppy hop and a talking Tender Love doll. Please leave some candy in my stocking. Leave my sister some

toys too! I'm looking for you.
Love,
Tricia Kiser

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is David and I am almost 2 years old. I would like a big hobby horse and a tricycle for Christmas. I have been a good boy this year. Also, bring my cousin, Brad, something nice, along with all the other boys and girls. I will be sure and leave you something good to eat.
Love,
David Farnsworth

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Kerry Smith. I live in 516 N. W. 1st Hamlin, Texas.
1. Chain saw
2. Electric car
3. Sleeping bag - yellow
4. Crash helmet
5. Bike with Steering wheel
6. Sizzler Set
7. Farm set

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a breakfast set, cookware, cabinet, stove, ice box and Polly Pose'n curl Mimi Bruner
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Hamlin, Texas



Silent Night



On this, the anniversary of our Saviour's Birth, may Heaven's Blessings be yours.

HAMLIN RESTAURANT

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Greetings



We're taking this opportunity to extend our best Christmas wishes to all of you.

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WATTS FLETCHER, Manager



Our entire staff joins in wishing you a Christmas that is filled with peace and happiness!

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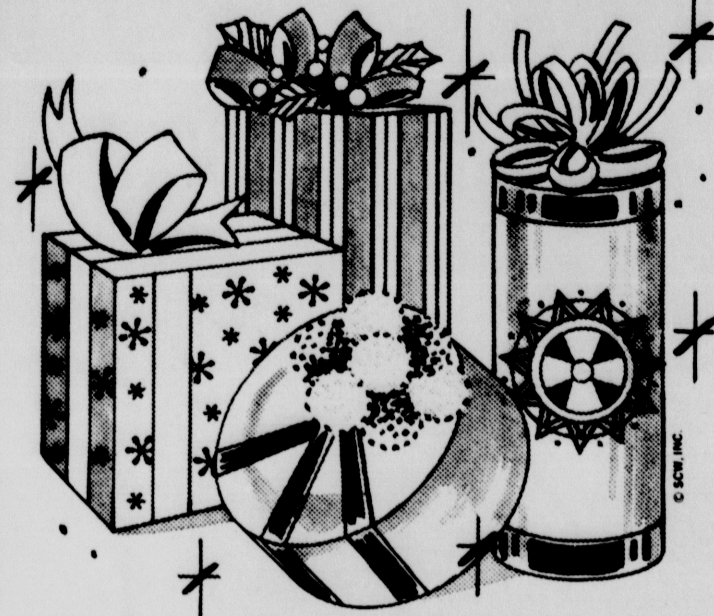
Loads of

Good Luck

and Good Cheer to Everyone

HEIDENHEIMER'S

Season's Greetings



May true joy be yours this Christmas!

BOND WELDING
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Its Magic Touches Everyone

Christmas... what memories it evokes. What joys it promises. In all of the recorded history of man, what other holiday compares with it?

It is the day long looked forward to by children — yes, even in this cynical age, in this year of 1971 when even young children are quite knowledgeable. However, the smart youngsters keep some of this sophistication to themselves at Christmastime. It is economically feasible to at least pretend, at Christmastime. Even if we have "strayed like lost sheep" from the faith of our childhood, if we can recapture some of it, we would be the better for it.

Some of the magic will "wear off" on us. That is magic, itself. And who is to dispute the validity of it?

Those of us who live in climates where snow can be expected at Christmas are lucky, indeed.



But all of us can simulate this pretty holiday picture. When the fog rolls in from the sea in the early morning during the "rainy season" in California, for example, we can pretend we are once again "lost" in that wonderful blizzard world when one can hardly see out the window!

As Sir Walter Scott says... "Heap on more wood! the wind is chill — But let it whistle as it will, We'll keep our Merry Christmas still."

Some of us wish that the wind would be chill, and whistle, and give us red noses, so that we would be afraid, as children, it might fall off!

But we can keep Christmas in our hearts, and in our spirit, wherever we live.



Superstitions
Christmas decorations remind us of old beliefs. In England people kept a sprig of holly in the house after the holidays to protect the house against lightning. Mistletoe was likewise kept in the house as a guard against witches. People in rural areas were known to wear a bit of mistletoe tied in a tiny bag about the neck as a witch repellent.



Our Christmas Blessings

Peace on earth, good will toward men.

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Ptl. Doyce Gillilan	Mrs. Tony Woolf
Ptl. Ronnie Hill	Mrs. L. B. Maberry
Ptl. Harvey Harendt	Miss Lavene Hunter
Ptl. Louis Stinnett	City Judge A. B. Carlton

the musical tradition of Christmas

The musical tradition of Christmas is believed to have begun in 129, when Telesphorus, Bishop of Rome, decreed that "in the holy night of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior, (all) do celebrate public church services and in them solemnly sing the Angel's Hymn..."



Since then, literally thousands of carols have been written by such as Sir Walter Raleigh, Martin Luther, Johannes Brahms, Francis Scott Key, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and Pope Pius IX.

But Christmas songs weren't called carols until well into the 13th Century, because, during most of the Middle Ages, priests and monks did all the singing inside the churches.

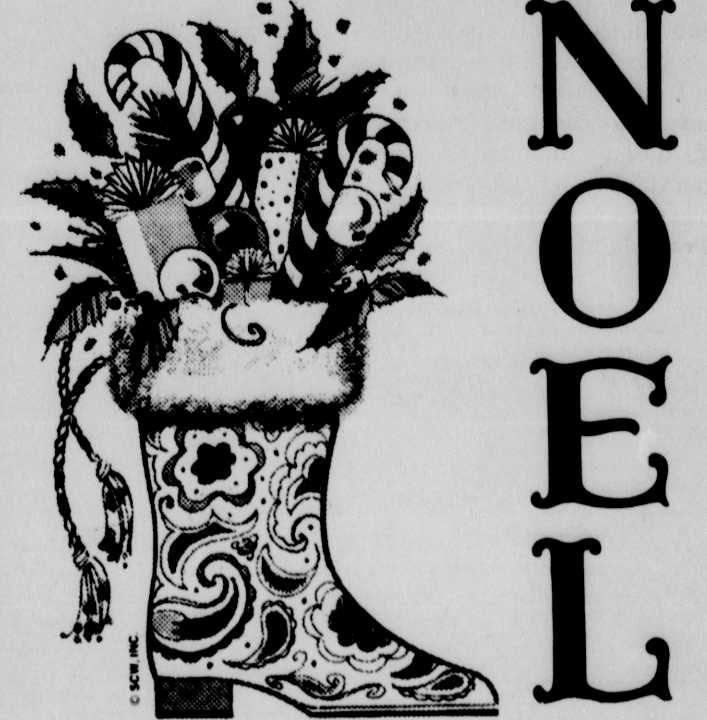


The people were only allowed to sing and dance outside, making up words and tunes about the birth of Christ. The French word "carole" and the Italian "carola" both mean a ring dance accompanied by singing, and from this comes our word carol.

The first American Christmas carol was written by a French Jesuit missionary named John de Brebeuf. He composed a song called "Jesus Is Born" for the Huron Indians with whom he worked in the early 1640s.



ROSES RANK HIGH IN POPULARITY
bright with the color of yuletide, also a traditional symbol of love and sentiment. Florists predict that more roses will be wired to mothers, wives and sweethearts on Christmas Day than any other cut flower. They're available in virtually every community in the United States.



Here's hoping that you and yours will know every happiness of this season.

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Our wish for you, — may all the blessings of this Holy Day be yours.

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Season's Greetings

May the joys of Christmas follow you throughout the coming year...

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May the peace of Christmas be in every heart this season.

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Voices in the Mist

The time draws near the birth of Christ;
The moon is hid; the night is still;
The Christmas bells from hill to hill
Answer each other in the mist.
Each voice four changes on the wind,
That now dilate, and now decrease,
Peace and goodwill, goodwill and peace,
Peace and goodwill, to all mankind.

—Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1800-1892)

Holiday Greetings



May your home be blessed
with all the joys of the
Season! Merry Christmas!

McCOLLUM - CUNNINGHAM
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GLORY...to...GOD in...the...highest

And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David.

To be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was that, while

they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were so afraid.

And the angel said unto them: Fear not; for, be-

hold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying:

Glorify to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the

shepherds said one to another: Let us now go, even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

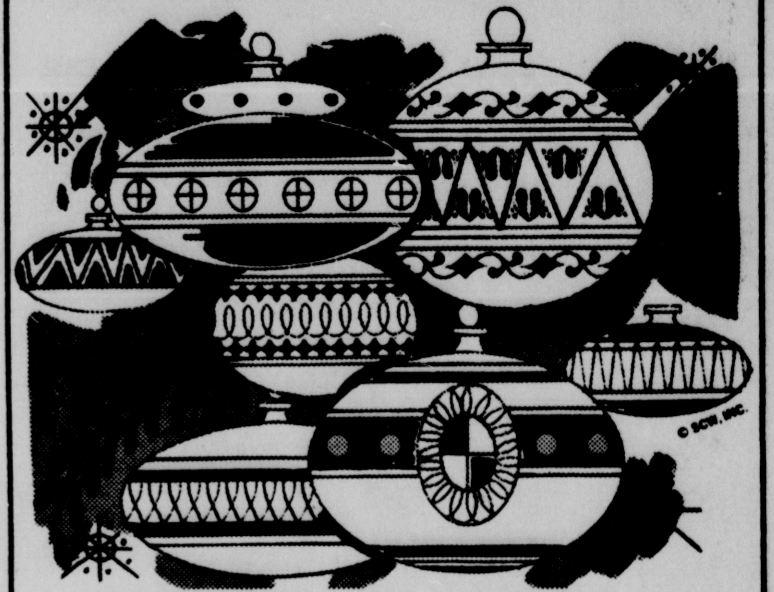
And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

ST. LUKE, CH. 2

IDEAL TREE

The ideal Christmas tree is the fir, because of its tendency to hold its needles longer.

GREETINGS



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At His Birth the Angels sang, "Peace on earth to men of good will." May this same peace, the gift of the Prince of Peace, be yours this Christmas and may it fill your life with joy!

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May the guiding star of Christmas light your way.

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Mary Margaret
Jayne and Mike Field



This is the wish we send your way:
May yours be a Merry Holiday —
And we also extend a big "thank you"
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Best wishes for a jolly
holiday from our entire staff!

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goodwill to all men.

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did the moon-silhouetted
face of a 19th century
handyman inspire one
of most famous poems?

"... His eyes, how they twinkled!
His dimples, how merry!
His cheeks were like roses,
his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was
drawn
up like a bow, and the
beard of
his chin was as white as
the snow..."

From a famous poem, probably one of the most cherished and well remembered in all of the English language.

Written almost 150 years ago by Clement Clark Moore, this poem helped create one of the great legendary figures of all time, the "plump and jolly old elf," Santa Claus (who up to that time was depicted as rather a gaunt and somber St. Nicholas whose living prototype had been an obscure ecclesiastic of the Fourth Century).

There is no substantiated version of how Dr. Moore got his idea for this image, so different from most of those prevailing.

The actual image of Santa Claus, or St. Nicholas as Moore called him in the first version, may have come from the moon-silhouetted face of his handyman.

Legend holds that it was on a sleigh ride over the now packed New York streets of 1822 as he and his handyman, Peter, went from the estate to Greenwich Village to deliver Christmas presents.

The famous lines were set down by Moore at a writing desk in his home located on a 90-acre tract in a New York City area still known as Chelsea, down on the lower West Side where the wholesale flower market now stands.

At the time, Moore was a professor of Oriental languages in the General Theological Seminary in New York.



According to tradition, Moore read the poem to his children that Christmas Eve, although it seems more likely that the children were already in bed by the time he finished writing the poem. He probably read it the next day — Christmas Day, 1822.

But whenever he read it, the poem was an immediate success — not only with his own children, but with others.

Moore's "The Night Before Christmas" earned him lasting fame. It eclipsed his important work in linguistic scholarship and it is fitting therefore that the famed ballad has now been translated into more than 50 languages.

Holiday Moon

A waxing moon is more favorable at Christmas than a waning one, according to an old Scottish folk belief.

route of the Magi...

Portugal and Spain reportedly was the path taken by the Kings. Here on the route of the Magi the Wise Men are of particular importance in the Andalusian countries.

Sidewalk shops and kiosks offer reproductions for sale in glittering array — some of carved wood, some of papier-mache or pottery.

Today, more sophisticated Americans emulate these old-world craftsmen. They make Wise Men, using cans and plastic foam heads embellished with bright and ingenious decorations.

Custom decrees that the Magi be met on Epiphany Eve at the edge of town. In Portugal, young and old go out that night, carrying a variety of food for men and animals. This colorful caravan also offers presents such as artfully arranged bouquets of dried flowers, grasses, and feathers, and splendid metallic palmet-

tos bound with beads or mirrors at their centers.

But alas for the welcoming committee, the Magi always seem to slip into town by another road. When the disappointed children have eaten the goodies and returned, they are comforted by finding the Wise Men assembled in the village church. Then they parade in with their wonderful gifts for the wily Kings.

New Year White

Marco Polo, traveling through the land of the Great Khan, found that the Khan and all his subjects, by tradition, wore white robes at New Year's, which they celebrated in February. The white robes they considered a good omen to bring them luck and happiness. The subjects presented jewels to their ruler so that he might know abundance throughout the year.

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Holy Night

May every heart warm
to the radiance of the
Star... and feel His
glory today and always.

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LUMBERMEN
HAMLIN, TEXAS



Merry Christmas

TO ALL OUR GOOD FRIENDS

It's always a pleasure to greet you and
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Greetings

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each and every one a
Wonderfully Merry Christmas!

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IRON CHRISTMAS TREE — Noel Weaver holds one of the lower limbs of the iron Christmas tree as Mrs. Weaver attaches one of Christmas balls. The tree, designed and constructed by Mr. Weaver, holds 154 ornately decorated Christmas balls. Mrs. Weaver made 76 of the decorations this year to add to her collection that was started some eight years ago. (See story on page 4)

Stockholders Clear Way For Hospital to Remain Open

Stockholders of the Hamlin Memorial Hospital Association in a meeting here Sunday afternoon cleared the way for the Hamlin Memorial Hospital to remain open beyond the Jan. 1 deadline as announced earlier by the three doctors who have been operating the hospital.

The three doctors, Dr. E. J. Hawkins, Dr. M. L. Smith and Dr. E. D. Perrin, announced in September that the hospital would close Jan. 1 unless some other arrangements were made in operating the hospital. At that time they sought taxpayer support for the hospital or some other method of operating it as they felt that they could no longer operate the hospital as they had in the past because of Medicare restrictions.

With about 125 people on hand for the meeting here Sunday afternoon, the stockholders voted to offer a 10-year lease on the hospital with an option of another 10 years that would permit the doctors to sub-lease the hospital to a third party.

Through their advisor on Medicare problems, Albert Smith, administrator for West Texas Medical Center in

Abilene, the doctors have been told that the best solution to their problem is to move their clinic out of the hospital and turn the operation of the hospital over to a third party.

At the meeting Smith said, "I've told the doctors all along that under present law and present thinking, doctors

owned and operated hospitals are not going to go in the United States."

"There is not one way these doctors can make a cent even if they operate the hospital for 40 years," Smith said.

In negotiations between the board of directors and the doctors during the past months the doctors submitted a list of actions that the stockholders would have to take if the hospital was to remain open and the stockholders voted unanimously for all of the proposals.

Among the actions taken by the stockholders were:

1. A 10-year lease, with another 10-year option, on the present hospital building with the right to sub-lease the facility. The doctors will pay the Association \$10 per month, per bed, lease, pay for normal upkeep and pay all taxes and insurance. The lease may be terminated at any time if certification problems arise that would make the facilities impractical to use as a hospital.

2. A 99-year lease on the land just north of the hospital for the doctors to build a clinic on. The doctors will pay \$1 per year for

this lease, payable in advance. 3. All personal property located in the hospital to be turned over to the doctors. Most of this equipment has been purchased by the doctors during their years of operating the hospital.

4. Adopted a new set of by-laws, which among other things eliminate any existing discounts for members of the association. The new by-laws also establish an annual meeting of the association for the first Monday in December and give the board of directors power to amend the by-laws by a two-thirds vote.

The board does not, however, have the power to redirect expenditure of the rental money paid by the doctors. That

money, other than what is used for normal expenses of the association, must be used for care of indigent patients.

As was pointed out at the meeting there are still many problems facing Hamlin in keeping a hospital. These involve both Medicare and the Texas State Health Department and basically are technical problems that the doctors will have to work out with these organizations.

During the meeting the stockholders re-elected the following directors: J. C. Turner, Fred Smith, Noel Weaver, M. S. Johnson, A. Ton Mayfield, John Scarborough, G. R. Riddle, Raleigh Reynolds and W. T. Johnson.

\$5 Gift Certificates to Be Dropped Here Thursday

Another phase of Hamlin's "Wonderful World of Christmas" will be held Thursday afternoon when \$5 gift certificates will be dropped over the city.

Hamlin Flying Service, under the direction of Clarence Fisher, owner, will drop the certificates by parachute at 2:30 p.m. approximately one hour before the final public drawing for prizes.

The gift certificates will be good in any of the participating stores and must be redeemed before the stores close Friday, Dec. 24.

This will be the last day of the Christmas Program of the Hamlin Board of Community Development which has been spearheaded by the Retail Trade Committee.

If a gift certificate should land on an electrical wire or in a hazardous spot, C. L. Howard, chairman of the committee warns that youngsters should not try to get the certificate down. A West Texas Utilities employee or a fireman will remove it, he said.



Frieta Stewart Selected for Trip To Monterrey, Mex.

Frieta Stewart was chosen to represent the Abilene section in Missionary Evangelistic Outreach being sponsored by the Assemblies of God in Monterrey, Mexico, from Dec. 26 to Jan. 2.

Miss Stewart was interviewed Saturday morning in Waxahatchie by a board of the North Texas District and selected for the trip. She is a senior in Hamlin High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Stewart.

A group of teenagers and counselors from the North Texas District will meet in Austin, Sunday and travel by bus to Laredo. From there they will take a train to Monterrey where they will join with other youth from Kansas, Arkansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and other Texans.

The 285 Assembly of God young people and sponsors will be staying on the campus of the University of Mexico.

The Gospel Outreach will include door-to-door evangelism, street witnessing and revival effort in the evenings.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Pierce of Gordon visited with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Gibson, last week.

FUND DRIVE STARTED—

Fire Destroys H. L. Boles Home Wednesday

Fire of an undetermined origin completely destroyed the home of the H. L. (Cooter) Boles family last Wednesday afternoon while all members of the family were away from the house. All furniture, clothes, other household items, even their car was destroyed.

The house was located about twelve miles northeast of Old Glory on the Butler Ranch. Boles is ranch foreman.

Friends and neighbors have organized a drive to help this family, and persons wishing to contribute cash or goods may leave them at one of the following places:

Old Glory Post Office, care of Lisbon Letz, Postmaster
Rhoads Grocery, Old Glory
Jimmy Johnson Station, Old Glory

George Rhoads, Co. Supt., Aspermont

Any member of the Aspermont Fire Department

Sonny Pittcock, Rule

Rev. Jack Key, 1381 S. Pioneer Dr. Abilene. Pastor of the Sweet Home Baptist Church in Rule.

Living in the home were Mr. and Mrs. Boles and two of their children, Rickey and Cynthia. Cynthia is a senior in Old Glory High School. The Boles have been staying with the C. T. Pierce family until the house can be replaced.

They have three other children, Mrs. Sam Houston of Abilene, Donald Boles of Lewisville, and Francelle of McKinney.

Local FFA Teams Place In District Mechanics Contest

The Hamlin team competing in the District Agricultural Mechanics Contest held in Stamford High School last Wednesday placed second overall and first in electricity.

The contest held for the first time in this district was sponsored by Dickens Electric Coop of Spur, Taylor County Electric Coop in Merkel, Midwest Electric Coop in Roby and Stamford Electric Coop in Stamford.

Four phases were covered in competition, arc welding, plumbing, electricity and tool identification.

Team members were Carlos Gonzalez, Rickey Gruben, John Howard and Larry Jayroe. Larry was high individual in electricity.

Eight teams participated.

Various Schedules Announced for Christmas Closing

Several plans for closing for Christmas have been announced by various businesses in town. A check with offices in the city by the Hamlin Board of Community Development secretary, Mrs. L. C. Bonds, revealed varying schedules for closing.

Retail stores will close Saturday, Christmas Day.

Lone Star Gas Co. will be closed Thursday and Friday of this week. City Hall will close Friday and insurance firms will close at noon Friday and will not be open on Monday.

F & M National Bank will close at noon Friday but will take no other holidays since both Christmas and New Year's come on Saturday when the bank is not open.

West Texas Utilities Co. will be closed Friday.

The Hamlin Herald will be closed Friday and Monday for Christmas but will not take New Year's holiday.

Certified Public Accountants offices will take Friday before Christmas as a holiday.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Let us all celebrate this the most joyous time of the year. Let us be thankful for our many blessings. May this Christmas be filled with happiness for all and may His loving Spirit fill our hearts with kindness toward all Mankind.

THE HAMLIN HERALD

FROM THE FILES . . .

Forty-five years ago
(December 14, 1928)

Tuesday night the Mutual Theatre building was thoroughly packed with men, women and children to see and hear a movie talking program.

Every person there knows now, at least, a little bit, what a fire means in such surroundings, for all that was needed to repeat horrors we have read of, was more fire and fewer openings.

The PTA of the Hitson School Six miles west of town, will give a box supper this Friday night. All proceeds will go to the school. You will enjoy the occasion and get to see some very pretty boxes and cooks."

The business men and others of Hamlin are especially urged to come.

The ladies of the Baptist Church have compiled a cook book of True and Tried recipes. The books are now ready for sale. If you want a book phone Mrs. Tate May, No. 112, or tell any Baptist lady and she will get one for you.

It looks like Cranfill & Reynolds will present the Hamlin community with a SEVENTH oil well for a Christmas present. Just think this time last year there was only a mere wild cat out there on the Stephens Ranch. Now there are six producing wells and perhaps a seventh will greet us before Christmas.

The report Wednesday was that they were down below 3,000 feet and that means not more than 150 feet to go before hitting the oil. Oil? Sure, everybody is expecting this Sharp well to get pay. Maybe not. But if something does not break or "bust" or something we will see soon.

Next week ought to bring interesting oil news, not only producers, but new derricks, etc.

Twenty years ago
(December 14, 1951)

Santa Claus hitch-hiked a ride into downtown Hamlin Saturday on a red truck of the Volunteer Fire Department, and informed several of the hundreds of little boys and girls whom he met that afternoon that he would be back in town again tomorrow (Saturday).

He added that he expected to make a third visit here on Saturday 22, but that time and conditions could possibly prevent it. He assured all the children that he would visit them again soon.

Greater Hamlin was in the full swing and spirit of Christmas this week, shopping going on at an increasing pace and a general air of festivity prevailing throughout the city and district.

Hamlin High School Band was in final rehearsals for its Christmas concert on next Thursday evening, which is expected to be one of the outstanding musicals of the season.

The concert, to be held in the high school auditorium, will feature two soloists, Bobby Norton playing the trombone rendition of "The Holy City," and Jeanne Jones, accordionist, being presented in several selections.

Shortly after noon today (Friday) at 12:45 p.m., the Hamlin High School

A Capella Choir will make its second appearance before the student body, the selections being in the Yuletide spirit.

Tomorrow night (Saturday) there will be a special Yuletide program at the De Priest Colored School at 7:00 o'clock, under direction of Principal Steve Morgan.

Arranged by the Parent-Teacher Association, and directed by Mrs. Bob Nunley, the Mothersingers will present a colorful program of Christmas numbers at the First Methodist Church Monday night of next week.

As a convenience to the public, the Hamlin post office will be open tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon until 5:00 p.m. and the same hours also would be a convenience to all of the post office employees, who already are handling a capacity load of Christmas mail and gift packages, and serving the public these additional hours would give them some opportunities to break down the crush of business.

Ten years ago
(December 14, 1961)

Hamlin has received an invitation to have a special day at the 1962 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, scheduled in Ft. Worth Jan. 26 through February 4.

The invitation provides a special block reservation of seats at the rodeo, with a spotlighted introduction to the rodeo crowd. The local band is invited to play a concert on the Stock Show grounds and be the show's guests at the rodeo.

Special Christmas programs will be presented in several of the local churches during the pre-Christmas week. Check your church calendar to see when special events in your church will take place.

Tim Jones, Hamlin Band director, will lead the four Hamlin School Bands as they present "A Christmas Festival" at 7:30 p.m. December 14 in the high school auditorium.

The Parent Teachers Association will sponsor the Annual Christmas Pageant to be presented in the junior high school auditorium at 3 p.m. Sunday.

The Jones and Fisher County Singing will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Foursquare Church.

According to O. L. Cohorn, two outstanding quartets are expected and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

The Hamlin girls carried off the honors in the girls division of the annual Hamlin Invitational Basketball tournament this past weekend, defeating Avoca, 28-26, in the finals. The Avoca boys defeated Jayton, 60-49, for the boys championship.

The Fifty-Two Study Club will meet Friday at 3 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Tommy Davis, with Mrs. B. O. Bell presenting a color slide program, "Christmas Story in Art."

Each member is reminded to bring a gift.

Mrs. L. B. Baker presented her piano pupils in a recital Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the First Baptist Church.



LET'S NOT FORGET THIS . . .

"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

"For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved." John 3:16, 17.

We invite you to celebrate the birth of our Saviour by attending church this week, and by spreading good will everywhere you go.

The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

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CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Harold D. Fleming
SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:20 a.m.
Church Training 10:10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Wilton H. Johnston, minister
Lake Drive at Ave. A
SUNDAY
Bible Class 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Midweek service 7:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
Rev. Johnnie Williams
48 S.W. Ave. A
SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
M.Y.F. 4:45 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Sharing Groups 7:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Howard J. Jones
SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.
Training Union 6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.

SUNSET BAPTIST CHURCH
Randolph Wilson, pastor
Ave. C at 6th
SUNDAY
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
BTS 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

BAPTIST MEXICAN MISSION
Herman Martinez
Stamford Highway
SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:40 a.m.
Training Union 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

NEINDA BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Frank Codington, pastor
SUNDAY
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:30 p.m.

McCAULEY METHODIST CHURCH
Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

CHURCH of the NAZARENE
Rev. Marshall Stewart
S.W. 1st at Avenue C
SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
N.Y.P.S. 5:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

CATHOLIC CHURCH
Rev. Patrick Stinson
Aspermont Highway
Sunday 9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY
Services 7:30 p.m.

FOURSQUARE CHURCH
Rev. Carl Pool
113 S.W. Avenue D
Sunday
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Crusader Hour 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Prayer, Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

OAK GROVE BAPTIST
Rev. Leo F. Scott
Northeast Ave. H.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
B.T.U. 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
219 N.E. Ave. B.
Rev. W. A. Hodge, pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evangelistic service 6:30 p.m.
Wed. prayer meeting 7:30 p.m.

McCAULEY BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Vergil Smith, pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

EAST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST
Howard Adams, Minister
Bible Class 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Bible Class 7:30 p.m.

SYLVESTER BAPTIST CHURCH
S.S. 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Training Union 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
N.W. Avenue G at 5th
SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
BTS 6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Song, Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
847 S. Central
Rev. Dick D. McAnally, pastor
SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Christ Ambassadors 7 p.m.

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A Prayer

MAY IT BE THY WILL:
OUR GOD AND GOD OF OUR FATHERS,
THAT THIS COMING YEAR BE UNTO ALL THY PEOPLE:
A YEAR OF PLENTY,
A YEAR OF BLESSINGS,
A YEAR OF ASSEMBLY IN THY-SANCTUARY,
A YEAR OF HAPPY LIFE FROM THEE,
A YEAR OF DEW AND RAIN AND WARMTH,
A YEAR IN WHICH THOU WILT BLESS OUR BREAD AND WATER,
A YEAR IN WHICH THY MERCIES WILL BE MOVED TOWARD US,
A YEAR OF PEACE AND TRANQUILITY IN WHICH THOU
WILT SET A BLESSING UPON THE WORK OF OUR HANDS.

ANCIENT HEBREW PRAYER

'Iron' Tree Brings New Dimension to Decorations

A new dimension has been added to the ornate Christmas decorations that fill the home of Mr. and Mrs. Noel Weaver.

An "iron" Christmas tree, designed and built by Mr. Weaver, was made especially to hold the beautifully decorated but heavy Christmas balls made by Mrs. Weaver.

Mrs. Weaver started making the heavily jeweled Christmas balls some eight years ago and has consistently added to her collection.

"Last year," she said, "the weight of the decorations pulled the limbs of the natural Christmas tree down." The idea for the iron tree was born last year and was finished in early December for use this year.

Mrs. Weaver made 76 additional ornaments this year in smaller graduating sizes to fit the scroll limbs. There are 154 ornaments on the tree.

She is already looking toward next year when she plans to add more elaborate trimmings to the present ornaments.

Mr. Weaver used 160 feet of

one-fourth inch reinforcing steel for limbs of the tree. The base is a one-way disc to which a 1/2 inch section of pipe is welded. Another section of 1/2 inch pipe forms the center section and then the top of the tree is made of 3/4 inch pipe. To the "trunk" is welded eight two inch lengths of 1/2 inch pipe for each tier to hold the limbs. The curves of the limbs were bent by hand and then welded together.

The first Christmas ball that Mrs. Weaver made was made with pearl corsage pins. The styrofoam ball is completely covered with jewels. This is the heaviest of her collection and weighs approximately three pounds. She uses old jewelry, beads, sequins, jewels, braid, ribbon and other decorations in making the ornaments. The first ones were covered with velvet before they were decorated. Now she uses the satin covered balls.

Other decorations in the home include a cone Christmas tree covered with colored glass in various colors and shapes and

many items made of felt and decorated with sequins and braid.

The front door of the home is a large Santa on a green felt background that is edged in gold. The Santa is made up of red, white and black sequins. Mr. Weaver estimates that his wife sewed approximately 14,000 beads and sequins to make the Santa. Merry Christmas is done in green on a banner of red felt above the Santa.

Outdoor decorations at the Weaver home, 801 Southwest Second, were expanded this year. A cone shaped tree and windows in the brick wall that surrounds the front courtyard are made of broken pieces of glass and lighted from within. The greetings of Merry Christmas and Happy New Year are mounted on the wall along with Santa and his reindeer.

Only one of the Weavers' sons and his family will get to be with them for Christmas. Guy and his wife, Jan, and children, Terrie, and Noel Wayne will be there for the evening Christmas eve.

Their other son, Dr. Davey Weaver, of Knoxville, Tenn., associate professor of agronomy at the University of Tennessee, and his wife, Mary Ann, and children Chad, and Linda, will do their visiting by telephone.

Mrs. Gerald Barnett Honored With Gift Tea Here Dec. 14

A gift tea in the home of Mrs. Audrey Hodnett honored Mrs. Gerald Barnett Tuesday evening, Dec. 14.

Mrs. Barnett is the former Shelia Mahaffey of Sweetwater. The couple married Dec. 4 in the chapel of the First Baptist Church here.

Guests were served from a polished table which was decorated with a centerpiece of blue and white, the bride's chosen colors. White doves and blue ornaments were used for emphasis.

Hostesses with Mrs. Hodnett were Mmes. Othel Sipe, Vernon Sharer, A. Branscum, John Hudson, John Barnett, Cecil Goodgame, E. A. Hewitt, Cecil Sellers, Gerald Young, Parker Kelley and Cecil Richardson.

Young H'makers Hold Christmas Dinner Friday

The Young Homemakers held their first annual Christmas dinner Friday evening in the high school cafeteria.

Dinner music was provided by Debra Hollis, Debbie Jay, Mignon Williams and Sonja Williams.

After dinner, the New Image trio presented religious and Christmas music.

Games of Bingo were played with white elephant gifts as prizes.

Attending were Messrs. and Mmes. Guy Weaver, Corky Taylor, J. E. McCoy Jr., Burt Oliver, Blaine Bennett, Dan Newberry, John Poe, Randy Brown, Danny Warner, Mac Reid, Robert Moore, Larry McCoy and Mrs. Travis Sura.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Mink, Sherry, Terry and Gary Mink.

Miss Viola Avants Hosts B&PW Club Christmas Dinner

Miss Viola Avants was hostess for the Christmas dinner for members of the Hamlin Business and Professional Women's Club at her home Dec. 14.

Mrs. Frank Shearer, vice president, presided.

Gifts were received by each member.

Miss Avants served Mmes. Etta Bond, W. B. Britton, Luther Haught, W. C. Hargrove, R. B. Hennington, Mac Reid, Kenneth Riddle, Frank Shearer, LaFoy Patterson and I. R. Witt.

The TonDa Camp Fire girls met Thursday at the hut. The girls made pixies for Christmas. Mrs. Coye Pritchard served refreshments. They had their Christmas party. The leader passed out her gifts to the girls.



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT RHOTON
...to be honored Sunday

Rhotons to Mark 50th Anniversary

The children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rhoton will honor their parents Sunday from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at an open house at their home, 29 N. W. Ave. D, celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

The children are Mrs. Sam Duboise, Mrs. Arthur Waltrip Jr., both of Abilene, Mrs. B. W. Burrow of Wichita Falls, Mrs. L. V. Hill of Wink and Robert Rhoton Jr. of Hereford.

Also in the houseparty will be Mrs. Rhoton's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Earls. The granddaughters will serve.

Mr. Rhoton was born May 3, 1900, in Tarrant County, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Rhoton.

Mrs. Rhoton, the former

Mary Elizabeth Earls, was born Dec. 19, 1904, in Eastland Co., daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Earls.

The couple met in early spring of 1920 at a Sunday evening singing in Plasterco, which is now Celotex.

They were married Dec. 25, 1921, in her parents' home in Sylvester. They lived seven years in Fisher County and then moved to Jones County where they have continued to live.

They are members of Central Baptist Church. He is a retired farmer and enjoys fishing as a hobby.

Mrs. Rhoton's hobbies are fishing and crocheting.

They have 15 grandchildren.

Phebean Class Meets for Holiday Social Thursday

The Phebean Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church met Thursday in the home of Mrs. Albert George at 4 p.m. for their Christmas social. Mrs. Tom Gregory was co-hostess. Mrs. George, outreach leader presided. Mrs. Howard Jones, a guest, gave the opening prayer. Mrs. O. H. Harvey brought the devotional on "Thoughts of Christmas."

With Christmas music playing in the background, the group exchanged Christmas gifts. Favors were corsages of mistletoe.

Refreshments of cake, cookies, coffee and punch were served.

Others attending were Mmes. L. J. Cunningham, teacher, Mmes. Leona Carter, Mary Kirkland, C. W. Thomas, Irma Hall, Lula Crawford, Claude Crowley, Ben Parker, Bonnie Bingham, M. C. Holmes, Mayme Deel and Noel Weaver.

Friends Class Holds Salad Supper Here Dec. 14

Mrs. J. E. McCoy Jr. was hostess for a salad supper Dec. 14 for members of Friends Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Lee Ward, outreach leader, presided. Toys and stuffed animals were brought to be distributed to the needy in the community by the Ministerial Alliance.

Mrs. McCoy gave the devotional on the Christmas story, "The Night of Nights" by Billy Graham from Decision magazine.

Mrs. George Pruitt, teacher, was presented a gift from the class. She gave each member a Bible marker.

Mrs. Howard Jones, a guest, gave the closing prayer.

Others attending were Mmes. H. L. Ford, Paul Cooper, J. D. Kitchen, John Howard Jr., Elbert Payne, Herman Sharer and Cecil Sellers.

The Jan. 25 meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Sellers.

Brown Family Reunion Held In Rodgers Home

The family of the late Mr. and Mrs. James T. Brown met here Saturday and Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rodgers for a family reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Christenson of Mesquite, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Brown of Willis Point, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Patterson of DeSoto and Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Farmer of Fort Worth came to be with Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Maynard, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brown, all of Hamlin, and Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Bingham of Anson.

Jaycee-ettes Hold Christmas Party For Youngsters

The Jaycee-ettes and their children had a Christmas Party Thursday evening in the Jaycee Building. The children were treated with a visit from Santa and gathered around to tell him their Christmas wishes.

Attending were John Bill and Jana Maddox, Mitch and Jeff Lawlis, Misty and Matt Waldon, Kathy and Paula Prewitt, Mendy Smith, Brad Lakey, Missy, Kimi and Kyle Hodges and Tonya and Hether Brumley.

Santa presented everyone with a gift. Refreshments of punch and Christmas cookies were served.

tea in the home of Mrs. M. L. Smith, Dec. 11.

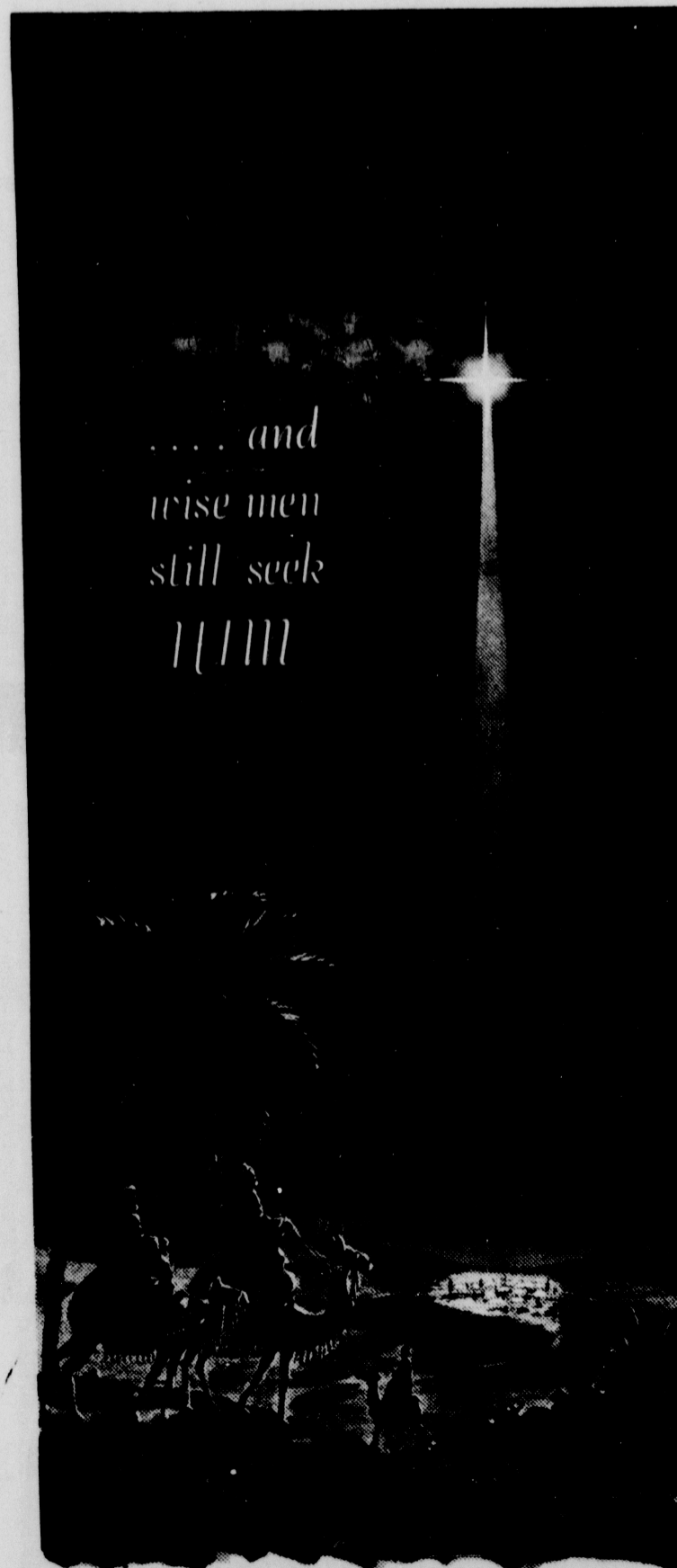
Guests were greeted by Mrs. Smith and presented to the honoree, her mother, Mrs. Steve Herring, and the bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Frank Hall.

The serving table was covered with a white organdy cloth with three tiers of ruffles edged in satin. The centerpiece was red and white. Crystal and silver appointments were used.

Hostesses with Mrs. Smith were Mmes. W. C. Lockhart, W. W. Wallace, E. J. Rowland, Ione Cheshire, L. V. Miller, Doc Neal, Cliff Reynolds Jr., Fred Terchelman, Don Elmore, Fred Smith, James Eddie Jay, Franklin Willis, J. B. May, Marvin Crawford, W. O. Hayes, Young Bill Maddox, John Holtz, Ruby Seifres and Miss Pat Blankinship.



SANTA GREET VISITORS — Visitors at the Noel Weaver home are greeted at the front door by a jolly Santa in a gaily decorated suit of sequins made by Mrs. Weaver, right.



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PEPSI COLA 49¢ PLUS DEPOSIT

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Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to thank the Hamlin school system and the entire city of Hamlin for hundreds of cards, food, flowers, visits and those contributions to various organizations in his memory. The many words of comfort you gave to Tweety and me during the grief over the sudden death of our beloved husband, father and brother. May God richly bless each of you in your prayer.
Cassie Mae, Iva Jaye and the entire Starr family.

CARD OF THANKS
The kindness and thoughtfulness shown to us by friends, neighbors, doctors and nurses during our recent sadness helped us so much to comfort us. We are sincerely appreciative.
The family of Felix Addison Askins

Lost and Found

LOST
A DIAMOND from your jewelry? Complete in shop setting and repairs of diamond jewelry. Knabells 218 S. Central, Hamlin.

SANTA GERTRUDIS BULL
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FOR SALE — 1968 Impala
Chevrolet coupe. Power, air, radio, automatic drive. Contact J. C. Cauble. Phone 576-3935. GOOD BUY. Gary Cauble.

DOUBLE SAVE
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Wanted to Buy

WANT TO BUY used adding machine. Call 576-9415. Jack Mickler.

Real Estate For Sale

HOME FOR SALE — Price reduced \$1,000 for Christmas special on this five room frame, four carpeted, one bath, large kitchen dining area. Easy terms can be arranged on this \$5,500 home with the sales price for this month to be only \$4,500. See this good buy at 437 N. Central in Hamlin, then call Stamford Federal Savings and Loan Association 773-2714 collect for further information.

FOR SALE — Six room frame home with carport, two air conditioners, separate storage room, fenced backyard in an excellent neighborhood. The price on this house is \$7,500.00; location is 638 NW 7th, Hamlin. Contact Stamford Federal Savings and Loan Association, Box 511, Stamford; Phone 773-2714 for further information.

Miscellaneous

RENT the Jaycee community building for parties, family reunions and special occasions. Call Jerry Smith 576-3638.

Bids, Legal, Auction

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Adelicio Chavez AND Frank Baca:
GREETING:
You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 3rd day of January, A.D., 1972, at or before 10 o'clock A.M., before the Honorable District Court of Jones County, at the Court House in Anson, Texas. Said plaintiff's first Amended Original petition was filed on the 16 day of November, 1971. The file number of said suit being No. 11,011
The names of the parties in said suit are: Auvis Allen Pittman, et ux, to adopt minor as Plaintiffs. The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: To adopt minor child
If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.
Issued this 18th day of November A.D., 1971.
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Anson, Texas, this 18th day of November A.D., 1971.
District Court Jones County, Texas By Deputy

POLITICAL CALENDAR

The Hamlin Herald is authorized to make the following announcements for office in Jones County, subject to action of the Democratic primary in 1972.
All political announcements, advertising and printing are cash in advance.
For Sheriff, Jones County —

WOODROW (WOODY) SIMMONS
(Re-election)

DPS Expect Almost 100 To Die During Holidays

AUSTIN Colonel Wilson E. Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, today issued a plea for Texas motorists to join law enforcement officials in a conscious effort to reduce holiday traffic accidents.

Speir said the DPS expects almost 100 traffic fatalities in Texas during the Christmas-New Year holiday season. He estimates that 52 persons will be killed during the Christmas period from 6 p.m. Thursday, December 23 through midnight Sunday, December 26. An additional 46 deaths are expected during the New Year holiday which begins at 6 p.m. Thursday, December 30 and ends at midnight Monday, January 2.

The DPS director cited statistics which show that last year, December led all other months for fatal traffic accidents in Texas. He said deaths for the 1970 Christmas weekend were 14 percent higher than the average three-day weekend period, with those for the New Year holidays running 51 percent above average. Deaths for all four major holiday weekends in Texas last year were 26 percent higher than the average of all other comparable weekend periods.

In an effort to reduce the expected toll, Speir said the Department of Public Safety and local law enforcement officers will be out in force during the holidays, and will be paying special attention to hazardous violations such as speeding and driving while intoxicated.

Also, in cooperation with local agencies and the news media of Texas, the DPS will conduct its "Operation Motorcade" during both the Christmas and New Year holidays. Special tabulations on fatal accidents will be prepared and issued three times daily in an effort to focus maximum public attention on the accident and traffic problem.

Two recipes were submitted this week by Mrs. Mayme V. Deel in time for holiday preparation.

The cake recipe is especially for persons on a diabetic diet. A good substitute for fruit cake, it is also suitable for a diabetic child's birthday cake. She highly recommends the cake. It is high in carbohydrates, but contains no sugar.
The cranberry jelly is a quick one and will help the busy cook.

DIABETIC CAKE
1 c. butter
1 T. artificial sweetener
1 egg
1 c. dates (sliced thin)
2 small cans diabetic applesauce
1/2 t. cinnamon
1/2 t. cloves
1 t. vanilla
2 c. flour
2 t. soda
1 c. pecans, coarsely chopped
Cream the butter; mix the eggs, sweetener and vanilla then add to the butter. Sift dry ingredients together, add remaining ingredients. Bake at

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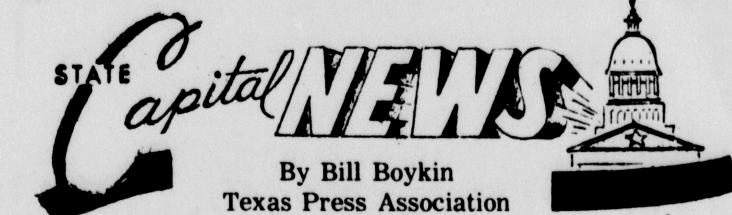
Notice to the Public: Any erroneous reflection upon the character of any person or firm appearing in these columns will be corrected gladly and promptly, upon its being brought to the attention of the management.

Junior High Teams Drop Three Games To Anson Monday

The Hamlin Junior High School basketball team dropped all three games with Anson Monday evening. They will play Rotan next in the first round of the Anson Tournament, Monday, Jan. 3.

The Anson eighth grade boys defeated the local eighth graders, 36-28, with Daniel Willis scoring 15 points for Hamlin. The local seventh grade boys lost, 30-20, with Delbert Thompson scoring nine points for Hamlin. Melissa Madden scored five points as the local girls lost to Anson, 17-11.

Dr. Everett K. Gibson Jr. of Houston and Mary Morgan, Shott of Bluefield, W. Va., visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Gibson last week.



AUSTIN — Texas Democrats were scheduled to get their first look last week at a draft of proposed new party rules which are stirring some friction among state party leaders.

State Democratic Executive Committee Chairman Roy Orr of DeSoto said the SDEC rules subcommittee will hold a public hearing on the proposals here January 12 at 10 a.m. Findings will then go to the full SDEC.

Some top-ranking party officers, including National Committeewoman Mrs. Carrin Patman of Ganado, fear Orr has little enthusiasm for "reform" procedures recommended in the rules draft. Orr insists he has an open mind and wants a broad-based study. Last month, he added 12 new members to the original 10-member rules-drafting panel.

Among provisions in the new rules draft are these:
Those who accept party office including positions as convention delegates must pledge to support all party nominees or face removal.

Eighteen-year-olds can participate in Democratic conventions.

Conventions must make "every feasible effort" to encourage youth, women and minority group representation on national nominating delegations.

Delegate slates should reflect a fair proportion of presidential preferences in line with the state division.

At least 75 percent of national convention delegates would be elected by senatorial district caucuses and others at-large, by the June presidential-year convention on the basis of a "straw poll" on presidential preferences.

Two alternatives are suggested for precinct convention delegate selection — by slates of candidates backing rival presidential contenders or by "candidate caucus."

At least one-third of any delegation at any level must be of sex opposite to that of the rest of the delegation.

SDEC would include three youth representatives.

AG OPINIONS — State Highway Department full-time hourly employees are entitled to the same general fringe benefits as monthly employees, but part time employees cannot get sick leave-with-pay or group health insurance payments, Atty. Gen. Crawford C. Martin has held.

cated Americans emulate these old-world craftsmen. They make Wise Men, usin cans and plastic foam heads embellished with bright and ingenious decorations.

Custom decrees that the Magi be met on Epiphany Eve at the edge of town. In Portugal, young and old go out that night, carrying a variety of food for men and animals. This colorful caravan also offers presents such as artfully arranged bouquets of dried flowers, grasses, and feathers, and splendid metallic palmettos bound with beads or mirrors at their centers.

But alas for the welcoming committee, the Magi always seem to slip into town by another road. When the disappointed children have eaten the goodies and returned, they are comforted by finding the Wise Men assembled in the village church. Then they parade in with their wonderful gifts for the wily Kings.

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Holiday Moon
A waxing moon is more favorable at Christmas than a waning one, according to an old Scottish folk belief.

In other recent opinions, Martin concluded:

The State Department of Health can purchase identifying shoulder patches for those operating public and private emergency ambulances licensed by the state.

Athletic coaches not paid as "trainers" may use such devices as ultrasound, diathermy and whirlpool on athletes without special licenses. A member of the Texas Board of Athletic Trainers may not be employed by the Board in the position of executive secretary.

SHORT SNTTS
The Texas economy has not yet recovered from a 1969-70 recession, Texas Employment Commission says.

Governor Smith dedicated the giant Christmas tree in the capitol rotunda to prisoners of war and those missing military action.

Department of Public Safety Director Wilson Speir predicted nearly 100 deaths in Texas during Christmas-New Year's holidays.

State Board of Insurance promises the nation's toughest rules for enforcing new Texas insurance holding company systems act.

David T. Lopez of Houston is the new special assistant for public relations on the AFL-CIO's state headquarters staff.

R. L. Thornton Jr. of Dallas was sworn in as a member of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission last week.

Francis A. Miskell, University of Texas system director of state affairs, died in a Houston hospital at 47.

Governor promised all available help for flooded areas in Northeast Texas.

First meeting of the new Texas Ranger Commemorative Commission was held at Fort Fisher, Waco, December 16, to begin planning for the 150th anniversary of the famed law enforcement force in 1973.

A new public health region will serve El Paso, Hudspeth, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Presidio and Brewster counties.

Texas is in final phases of a four-step hog cholera eradication program. Producers will now have increased markets out-of-state.

Forty-one criminal justice grants totalling more than \$2.2 million received final approval.

Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley Park southwest of Mission has been reopened to the public, though trailer and restroom facilities damaged by floods are still not in service.

GRAND STAMFORD

FRI. 24 — SAT. 25
"WALKABOUT" IN COLOR

SUN. 26 — MON. 27
PETER FONDA
"THE HIRED HAND" IN COLOR

DRIVE-IN
OPEN EVERY NITE

LAST NITE — THURS. 23
XX ADULTS ONLY XX
"MARRIAGE MANUAL" IN SEX COLOR

FRI. 24 — SAT. 25
GREGORY PECK
"SHOOTOUT" IN COLOR

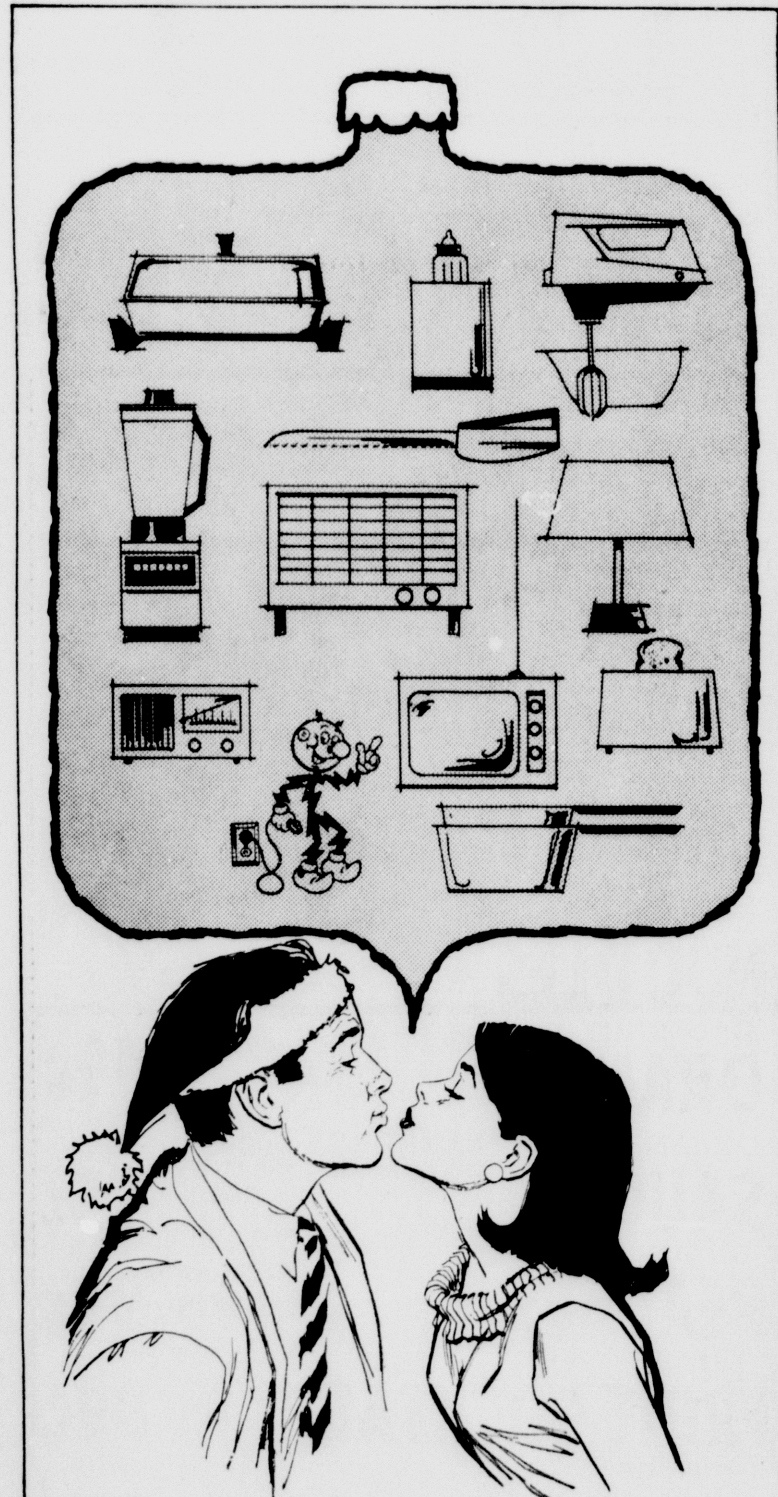
Sun. 26 - Mon. 27 - Tues. 28
"HORROR HOUSE"
"DRACULA, PRINCE OF DARKNESS" IN COLOR

WED. 29 — THURS. 30
XX ADULTS ONLY XX
"SWINGING HIGH" IN SEX COLOR

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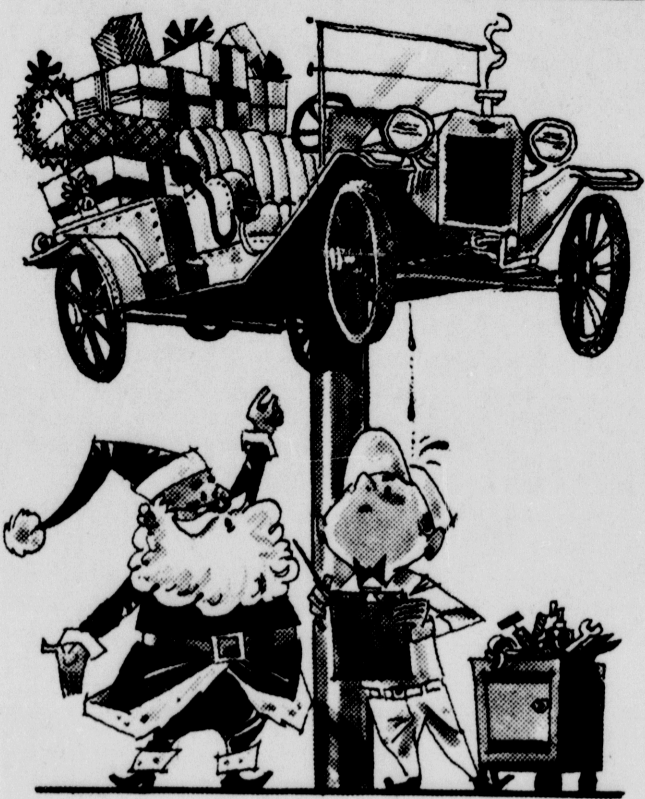
Kiss getters for Santa

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Christmas Symbols Have Roots In History

The star that you hang on the tip of your tree . . . the mistletoe that Janie fastens hopefully at the doorway, these and other symbols of Christmas have reasons for being.

Legends about the Christmas tree abound. The Druids are said to have worshipped trees for themselves thousands of years ago. Gradually the tree took its rightful place among the symbols of worship.

In Scandinavia the people once idolized trees. When they became Christians they made trees part of Christmas festivities.

Holiday Greetings



We wish you a Christmas that is beautiful in every way!

BILLIE'S BEAUTY BAR

Billie Harughtv

Judy Jones

be aware of
the angels
abiding
around you

Not all the angels are celestial beings, though we honor the heavenly host, especially at Christmas-time.

Angels are for all times, and for all places. Most of us have a feeling that we have a "personal angel" guarding us, a mediator with the Creator in time of stress.



But there are other angels. For example, when someone speaks rudely to you, and you do not respond with rudeness, an angel has visited you, illuminating your mind and heart with understanding. You realize that this person is troubled, is perhaps fearful, that there is a break of communications that would only be widened if you respond in kind. An angel helps to "build bridges" among humankind.

When you feel or see beauty, you are host to angels. And when you create beauty in the midst of darkness or evil, you belong with the seraphic group itself.



When you overcome the fears and doubts that assail all of us so-called "civilized" beings, if you rise to heights of achievement in spite of forces of lethargy and other self-protecting devices, you are in the company of angels.

This Christmas try to move thoughts away from self. It is so human to think of "Number One" first. We are all subject to this temptation. But this Holy Season we can make an effort to be more loving, more patient, more understanding, more spiritually intelligent; we can become doers, and not just spectators, or well-wishers. We can become involved in situations that demand the purposeful activity of all sensitive and thoughtful persons.



Health, wealth, and happiness!

**HAMLIN FLOWER SHOP
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Byrdie Madden, Frankie Wilson, Opal Smith
Babs Jeffrey, Ossie Crowley and Ruby Smith



May this Holy Season bring you an abundance of happiness!

MACKEY'S CLEANERS

Ewell and Janice Mackey



Another legend holds that the first Christmas tree was seen in a vision experienced by an English missionary named Winfrid. Later he was called Boniface. It happened about 1,200 years ago when he was going through northern Germany. One day he stumbled on a group of non-believers huddled at an oak tree. They were preparing to sacrifice a little prince, Asulf, to the god Thor.



Winfrid stopped the ceremony and chopped down the oak. As the tree fell, a young fir tree appeared. Winfrid interpreted this as the tree of life, saying it represented Christ.

The custom of decorating homes with green branches actually harks back to the days before Christ's birth. Romans exchanged tree branches for good luck at the start of January. The English copied the custom, associating it with Christmas. An old English rhyme explained it this way:

"Holly and ivy, box and bay, put in the church on Christmas Day."

Ghosts

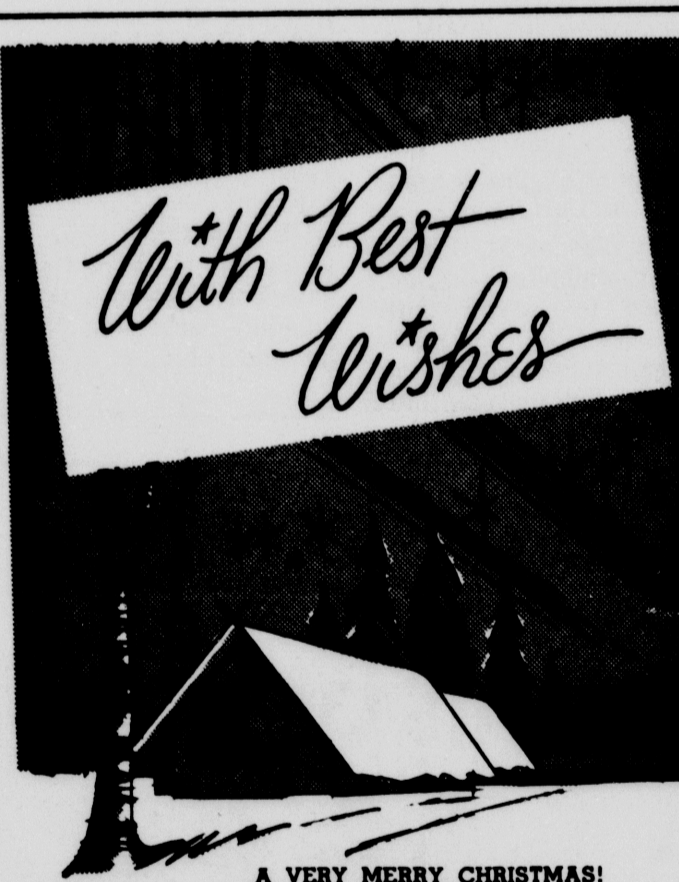
There is an Old World belief that ghosts are free to roam about on earth from St. Thomas' Eve, Dec. 20, until Christmas Eve.



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May Yuletide cheer light your way
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a wreath of best wishes to all
our wonderful loyal friends.

PIED PIPER GROCERY

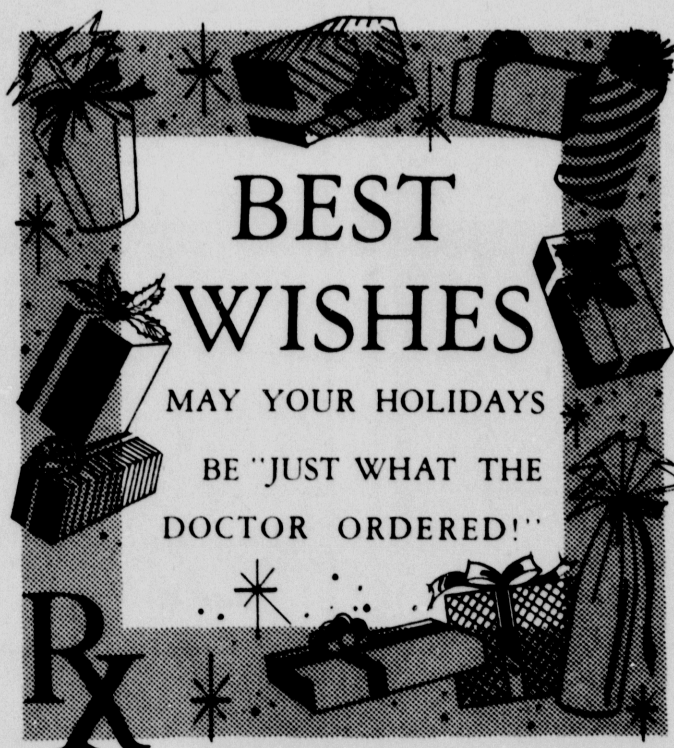
Ester and Dorothy Hastings
John and Mildred Howard
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Happy Holidays



Here's hoping Santa serves up the
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DEL MONTE-303 CAN
SWEET PEAS 4/99¢

DEL MONTE-303 CAN
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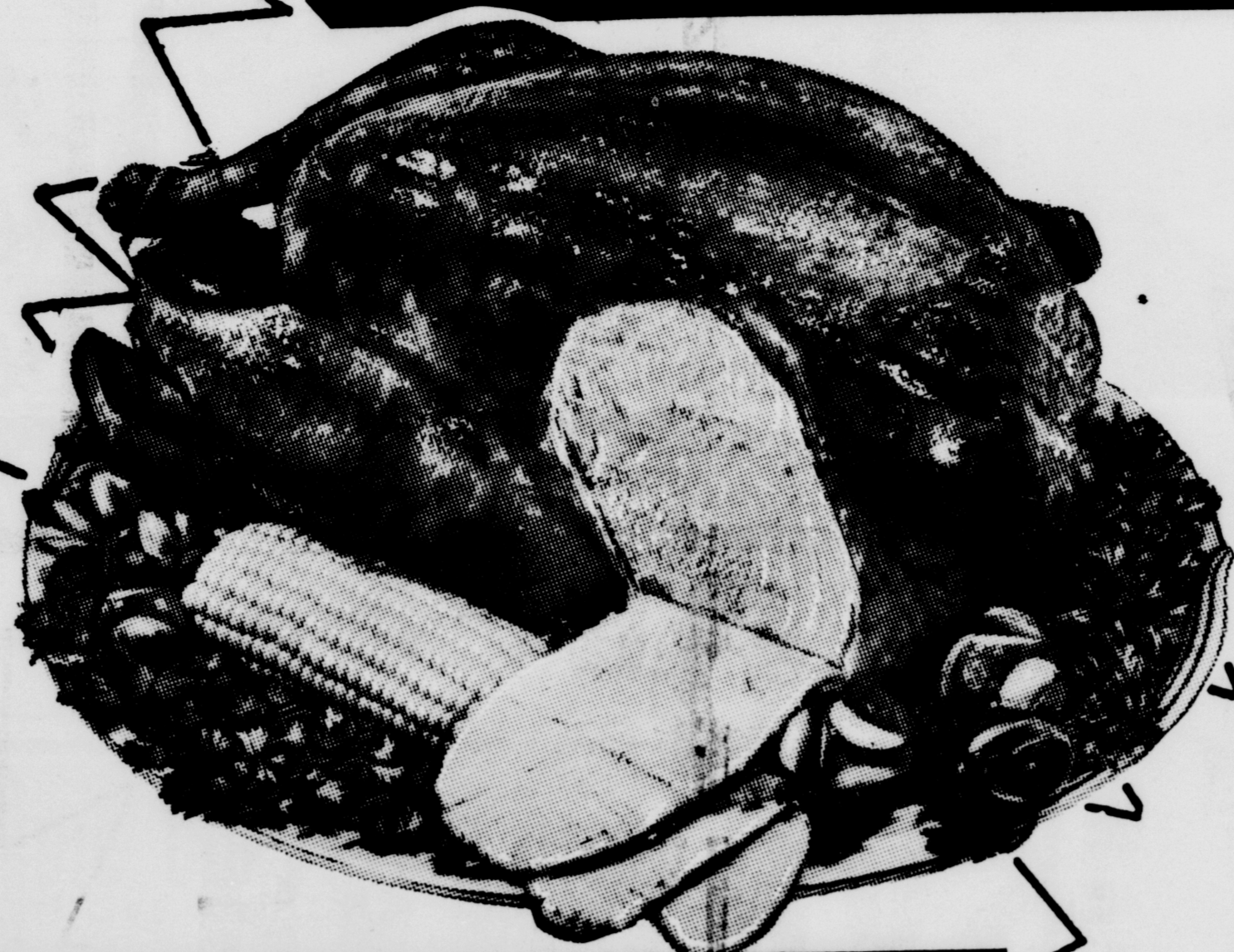
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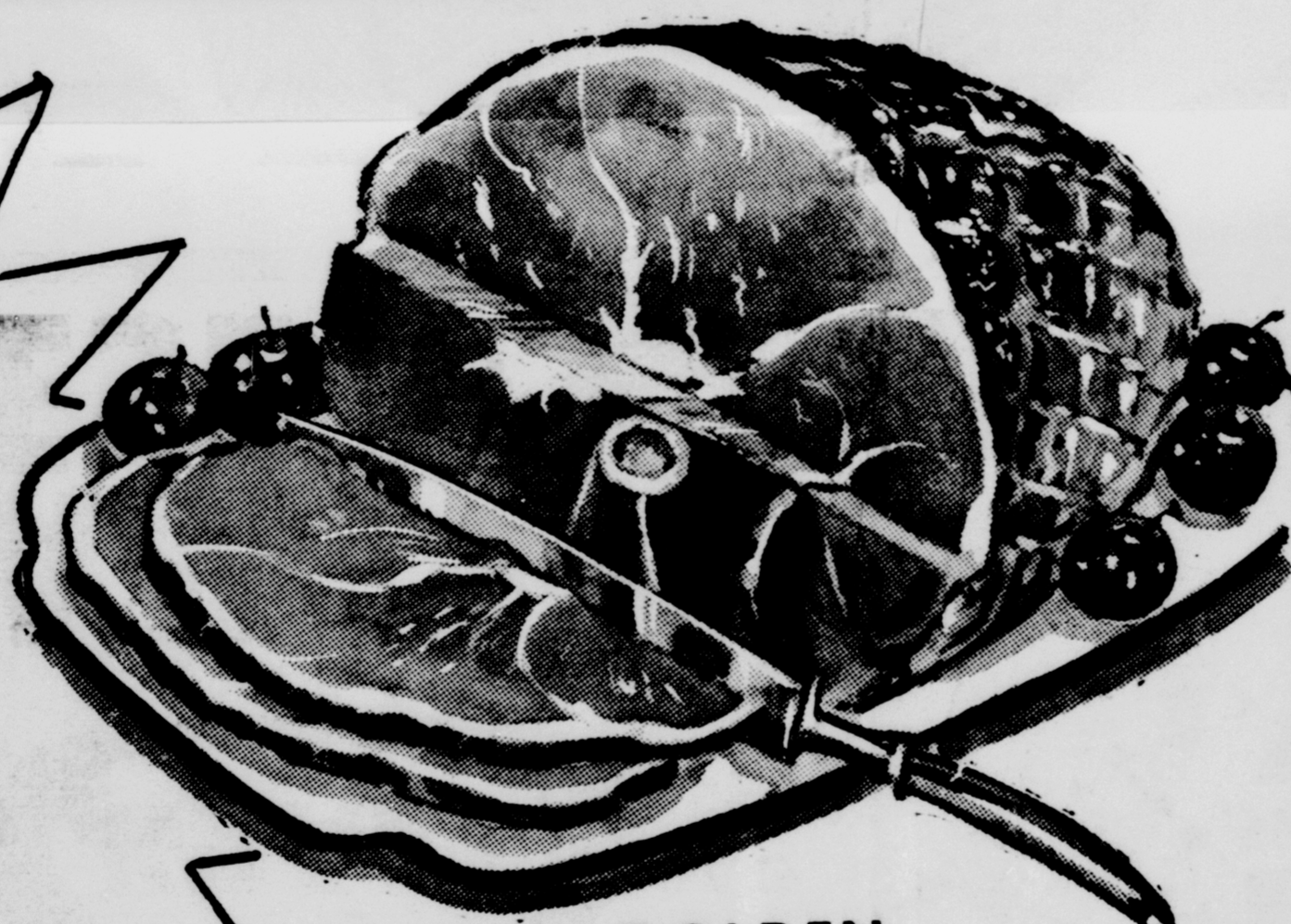
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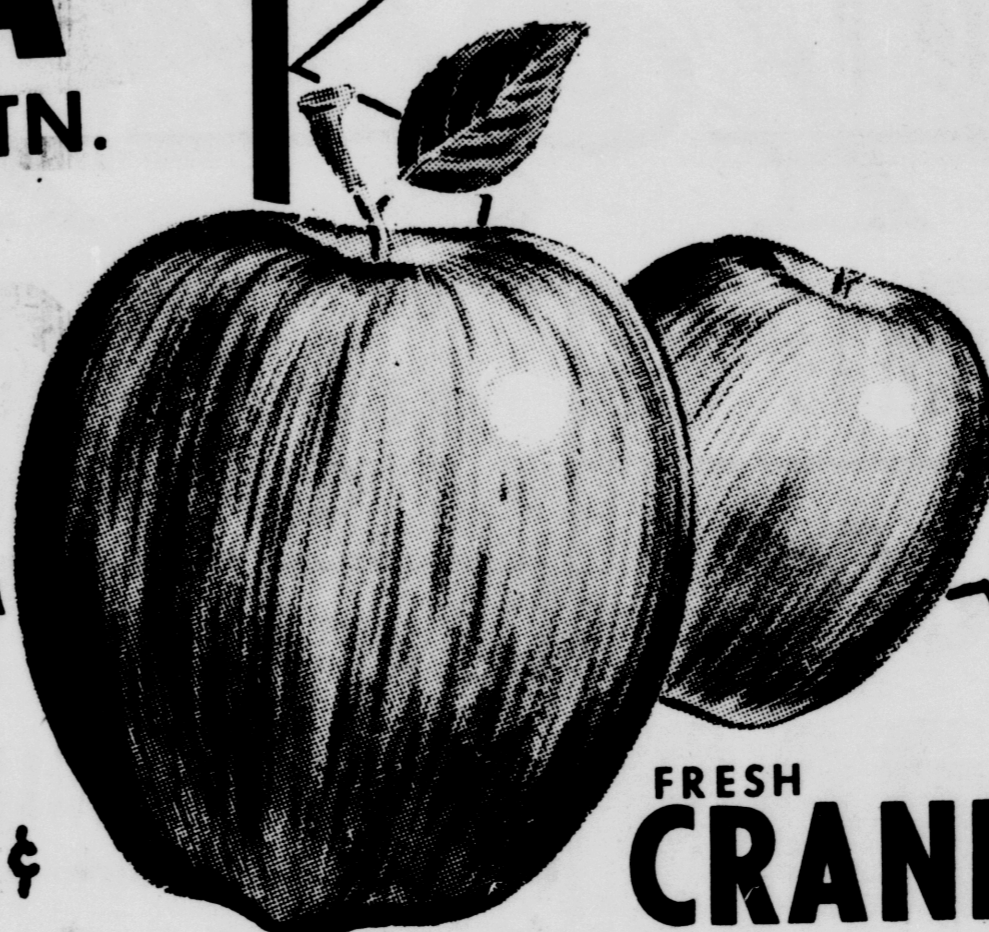
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Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light, and

Where there is sadness, joy.

O, divine master,

grant that I may not so much

Seek to be consoled as to console;

To be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born

to eternal life.

FRANCIS OF ASSISI

1182-1226 A.D.

obscure
ecclesiastic
was the 1st
Saint Nick

St. Nicholas, the Bishop of Myra, born in the fifth century in Patara, Turkey, was a living legend during his lifetime because of his love of people and his charities.

Nicknamed fondly Noel Baba, he was known as the saint of virgins, for helping poor and unmarried girls to secure dowries for marriage.

He was also the favorite of seamen. Even pirates respected him because of his uncanny sixth sense about weather.

His bones, believed to have curative powers, were stolen from his tomb here and carried to Bari, Italy, 1087, where they still rest.

Why is St. Nicholas associated with Christmas?

Festivities of St. Nicholas Day, which falls on Dec. 6, used to extend until Christmas time, and were so popular that finally the two were incorporated into one — making St. Nicholas

**St. Francis Tried to
Awaken Christ-Spirit
Among the Hedonists**

Like all the stories about Francis of Assisi, the following story bears record of his faithful conformity to the example of humility and poverty personified in his Lord, Jesus Christ.

Long ago, in the 13th century when Francis went about doing his good deeds in a dark world, he and a few of his companions were celebrating the festival of Christmas in the friars' lodging at Rieti. Some of the monks thought it fitting, because of the presence of a high ecclesiastic, to lay out a table "a bit special," and set out a table with white linen and glassware.

When Francis saw the elegance of the table he called one of the monks and told him to tell the friars not to wait for him if he should not come promptly at mealtime.

When the friars had got midway into the feast there was a knock on the door. Francis entered, leaning heavily on a beggar's staff and advancing meekly as a pauper. In a beseeching

voice he called out, "For the love of the Lord God, give alms to this poor, infirm pilgrim!"

The visiting priest and all at the table gasped with astonishment. Finally the guest of honor broke the startled silence. "For the love of that Lord whom thou hast named, we will give you of the alms which the Lord has given us."

Francis humbly accepted the platter and bread the prelate offered him and sat down on the dirt floor beside the table.

Again silence fell over all. The friars looked miserable and unhappy with their beloved leader squatting on the ground like a beggar, and could not eat. Francis at last spoke:

"When I saw the table worshipfully and sumptuously laid out, I thought within myself it was not the table of poor men of God who daily go from door to door for alms. For it becomes us, dearest, more than other men, to follow the example of the humility and poverty of Christ, because we are professed and called to this before God and men."

Dear brothers, the feasts of the Lord and of the holy men of God are rather honored with the want and poverty by which those godly men conquered heaven for themselves than with the elegance and superfluity by which they are far removed from heaven."

Francis spoke these words with a gentle voice, without the edge of reproof and reproach.

No wonder men and women from all walks of life were compelled to believe in the love of God because they saw it witnessed daily in the life of this little man of God!

the symbol of Christmas.

The St. Nicholas Festival found its way into the United States with Dutch emigrants and St. Nicholas' name gradually became Santa Claus.

No Christmas services are held in the Church of St. Nicholas in downtown Demre (ancient Myra) because there are no priests or any Christians here now.

The church, with a gendarme station and trees blocking its view from the street, has now been completely restored by the Moslem Turks.

The interior is lighted through glass-covered arched windows behind the altar. Mosaics on the floor of the 48 by 24-foot nave and frescoes of saints on the walls inside the church and the courtyard are still visible.

In one of the two side aisles of the church is the sarcophagus of Santa Claus, with a marble cover on which two reclining figures have been carved — that of an adult, perhaps St. Nicholas, and a child.



Season's Greetings

Yuletide greetings to one and all! May your holidays be filled with gladness.

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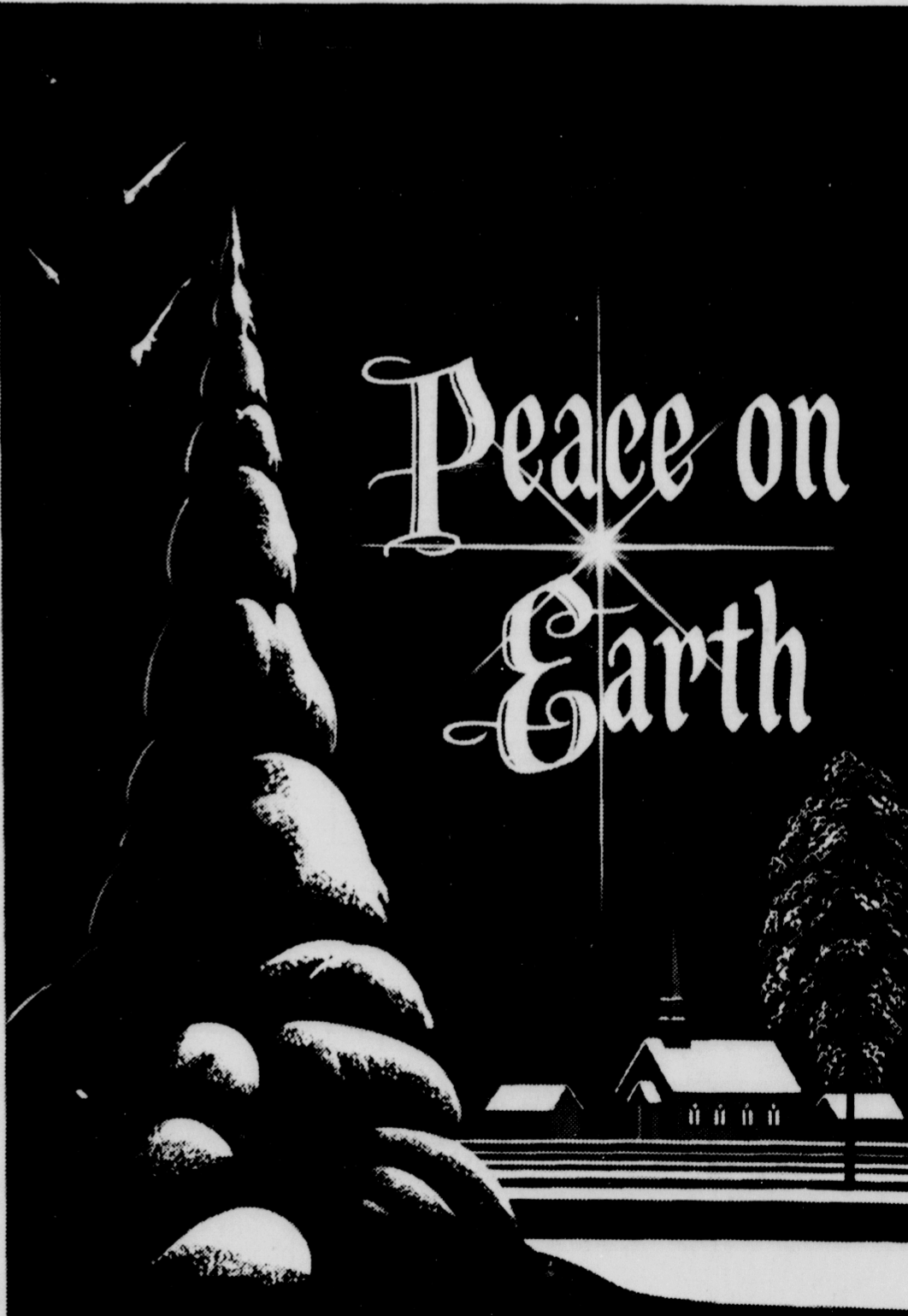


**Peace on Earth
Good Will
Toward men...**

Let us renew the message of Christmas at this season.

MAC'S

LUTHER AND MARTHA HAUGHT



Peace on Earth

May the beauty of the Season brighten your life, not only at Christmas, but always.

TURNER INSURANCE AGENCY

J. C. TURNER LA VERNE HUNTER JOYE CARY

HOLIDAY TOAST

We wish you Health, and good Fires; Victuals, Drink and good Stomachs, innocent Diversion, and good Company; honest Trading, and good Success; loving Courtship, and good Wives, and lastly a merry CHRISTMAS and a happy NEW YEAR

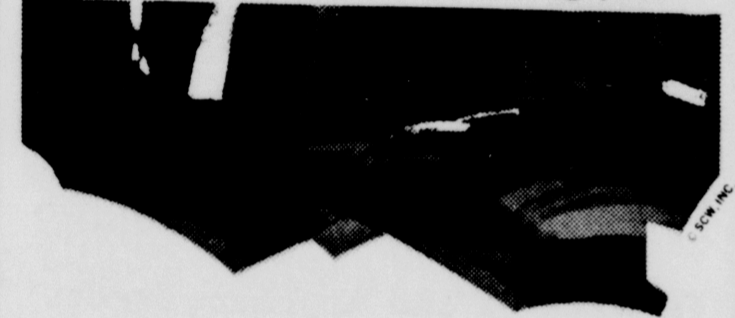
Virginia Almanack

Sing hey! Sing hey!
For Christmas Day;
Twin mistletoe and holly.
For friendship glows
In winter snows,
And so let's all be jolly!

— Anonymous



May the spiritual glow of this glorious season remain with you and bless you through the coming year.



JOE HUDSPETH'S



Dear Santa,
I have been a very very very good boy. Please bring me what I want.

This is what I want.
Skate board
Puppy dog
Kite
Basketball
Bicycle
Notebook
Hot Birds
Johnny Lightening
Shooting gallery
Big Rail Train
Chip Away
Screaming Demon
I love you.
Your friend,
John B. Maddox

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle and a puppy and a sewing machine and a play Santa Claus. I watched your show. I want a Baby Tender Love.
I very very Good,
Jana

Dear Santa,
My name is Craig Kelley and I am 7 years old. I have been a pretty good boy this year and I would like you to bring me a G.I. Joe outfit and a machine gun. I could also use a new pair of pajamas and a robe.
Love,
Craig Kelley, age 7

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Dennis Kelley and I am 6 years old. I have almost been a good boy and I would like a G.I. Joe Outfit for Christmas. I would also like a machine gun like my brother wants. I could use a new rod and

reel but since your sack isn't very big I can wait til my birthday.
I love you.
Dennis Kelley, age 6

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Mischell Kelley and I am 2 years old. Since I can't write my mommy is writing this for me. I would like a baby doll and a telephone for Christmas. I have been good and so have my brothers. Please bring my dog Red a toy too.
I love you Santa,
Mischell Kelley, age 2

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a tractor for Christmas.
My little cousin, Tammy Sue, needs a doll.
Thank you,
Gary Young

Dear Santa,
We have tried to be good this year and would like for you to bring us both a bicycle and skates. Matt also wants a road grader and I want some checkers.
I'll color a picture of you.
We will leave you some cake and milk.
Thank you.
Misty and Matt Waldon

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good boy this year. I would like a set of drums and a set of guns. Tell Rudolph "hello" for me.
Love,
Brad Hobbs
Rt. 2
Eastland, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am six years old. I would like a bike and a G. I. Joe. My sister is two years old. She

wants a talking doll and a bike too. My new cousin is 20 days old and please bring him a stuffed animal. I have been pretty good so try to bring these things to us. We love you Santa.
Mike, Tina Simpson
Phillip Ponder
We live at 531 N. W. Ave. F.
Hamlin, Texas.

Dear Santa,
I am five years old and can't write yet, so my Daddy is writing for me. I would like for you to bring me a baby I can bathe in the bathtub with me. I think her name is "Baby Tender Love." I need a new bathrobe, too. Please bring my Nanny a surprise and leave it at my house. I have been a very good girl this year. I love Santa and Rudolph and sure hope they can find my house Christmas Eve night.
Love,
Missy Jenkins
540 N. W. Ave. G.
Hamlin, Texas
P.S. My Daddy has been a pretty good boy this year, too.

Dear Santa Claus,
Philip wants a Playschool camper, Musical Mail truck, and a Daper Dan. I want a Moving, grooving Velvet, Operation, Moccasin Kit (size 6) Crushed Rock Picture. Stephen wants a Musical Teddy Bear and Milk truck.
We will be at Grandpa's and Grandma's house. Please come there.
Love,
Leah, Philip & Stephen

Dear Santa Claus,
I am four years old and I have been a good girl all year. I want a purple bicycle, hoppy hop and a talking Tender Love doll. Please leave some candy in my stocking. Leave my sister some

toys too! I'm looking for you.
Love,
Tricia Kiser

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is David and I am almost 2 years old. I would like a big hobby horse and a tricycle for Christmas. I have been a good boy this year. Also, bring my cousin, Brad, something nice, along with all the other boys and girls. I will be sure and leave you something good to eat.
Love,
David Farnsworth

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Kerry Smith. I live in 516 N. W. 1st Hamlin, Texas.
1. Chain saw
2. Electric car
3. Sleeping bag - yellow
4. Crash helmet
5. Bike with Steering wheel
6. Sizzler Set
7. Farm set

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a breakfast set, cookware, cabinet, stove, ice box and Polly Pose'n curl
Mimi Bruner
114 N. W. Ave. H.
Hamlin, Texas



On this, the anniversary of our Saviour's Birth, may Heaven's Blessings be yours.

HAMLIN RESTAURANT

138 South Central 576-2141



We're taking this opportunity to extend our best Christmas wishes to all of you.

HAMLIN FARMERS' COOP GIN

WATTS FLETCHER, Manager



Peace on Earth

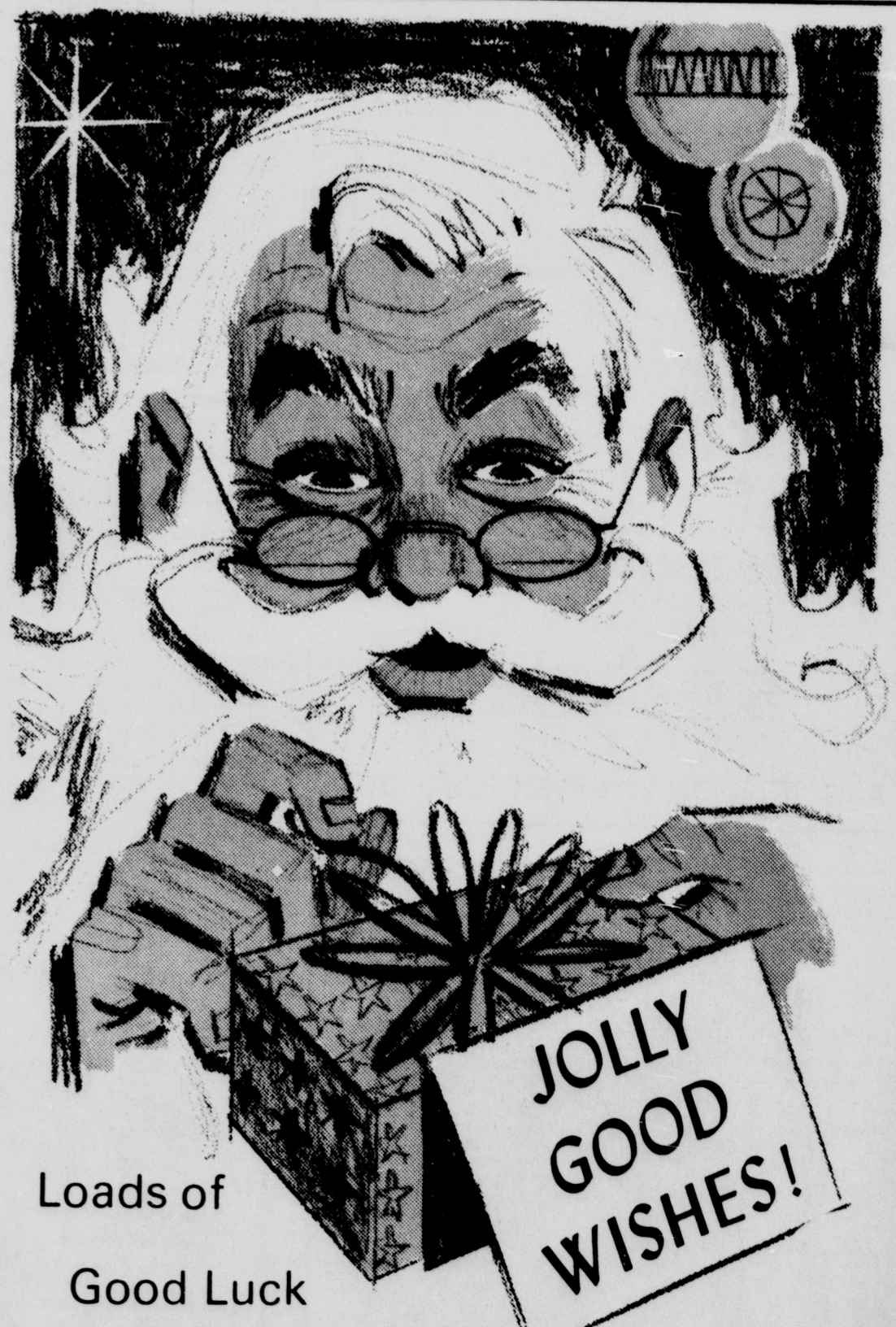
May the Holy Babe bless the family of man with lasting peace.

Our entire staff joins in wishing you a Christmas that is filled with peace and happiness!

BRYANT INSURANCE AGENCY

John and Arlene Bryant
Bill Davis

May Gay
Wanda West



Loads of
Good Luck
and Good Cheer to Everyone

HEIDENHEIMER'S

Season's Greetings



May true joy be yours this Christmas!

BOND WELDING
PETE AND MAVIS BOND



May all our wonderful customers
enjoy the very best of holidays!

JOHNSON'S BUTANE AND REPAIR



Our thanks
and good
wishes ring
out to our
friends...

JOYOUS HOLIDAY GREETINGS



A. E. KILLION TANK TRUCKS, INC.



Peace
on
Earth

Our wish for you, —
may all the blessings of
this Holy Day be yours.

Dr. and Mrs. James E. Harrison
MARILYN, CAROLYN AND LYNDIA


Its Magic Touches Everyone

Christmas... what memories it evokes. What joys it promises. In all of the recorded history of man, what other holiday compares with it?

It is the day long looked forward to by children — yes, even in this cynical age, in this year of 1971 when even young children are quite knowledgeable. However, the smart youngsters keep some of this sophistication to themselves at Christmastime. It is economically feasible to at least pretend, at Christmastime. Even if we have "strayed like lost sheep" from the faith of our childhood, if we can recapture some of it, we would be the better for it.

Some of the magic will "wear off" on us. That is magic, itself. And who is to dispute the validity of it?

Those of us who live in climates where snow can be expected at Christmas are lucky, indeed.



But all of us can simulate this pretty holiday picture. When the fog rolls in from the sea in the early morning during the "rainy season" in California, for example, we can pretend we are once again "lost" in that wonderful blizzard world when one can hardly see out the window!

As Sir Walter Scott says... "Heap on more wood! the wind is chill — But let it whistle as it will, We'll keep our Merry Christmas still."

Some of us wish that the wind would be chill, and whistle, and give us red noses, so that we would be afraid, as children, it might fall off!

But we can keep Christmas in our hearts, and in our spirit, wherever we live.




Superstitions

Christmas decorations remind us of old beliefs. In England people kept a sprig of holly in the house after the holidays to protect the house against lightning. Mistletoe was likewise kept in the house as a guard against witches. People in rural areas were known to wear a bit of mistletoe tied in a tiny bag about the neck as a witch repellent.



Season's Greetings
May the joys of Christmas follow
you throughout the coming year...

BORDEN'S
Jack Harugthy, Distributor



Our
Christmas
Blessings

Peace on earth, good will toward men.

HAMLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Edwin Wheat	Mrs. D. R. Tice
Ptl. Doyce Gillilan	Mrs. Tony Woolf
Ptl. Ronnie Hill	Mrs. L. B. Maberry
Ptl. Harvey Harendt	Miss Lavene Hunter
Ptl. Louis Stinnett	City Judge A. B. Carlton



Here's hoping your Christmas
season blooms with good cheer!

THE LADY BUG
Burt and Grace Oliver
Blaine and Reta Bennett



**OLD-FASHIONED
HOLIDAY CHEER**

Here's hoping that you and yours will
know every happiness of this season.

TEXACO, INC.
Paul Cooper, Consignee



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May the joys of Christmas follow
you throughout the coming year...

BORDEN'S
Jack Harugthy, Distributor



**Greetings
of the
Season**

HAMLIN AUTO PARTS
129 South Central 576-3673

the musical tradition of Christmas

The musical tradition of Christmas is believed to have begun in 129, when Telesphorus, Bishop of Rome, decreed that "in the holy night of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior, (all) do celebrate public church services and in them solemnly sing the Angel's Hymn..."



Since then, literally thousands of carols have been written by such as Sir Walter Raleigh, Martin Luther, Johannes Brahms, Francis Scott Key, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and Pope Pius IX.

But Christmas songs weren't called carols until well into the 13th Century, because, during most of the Middle Ages, priests and monks did all the singing inside the churches.



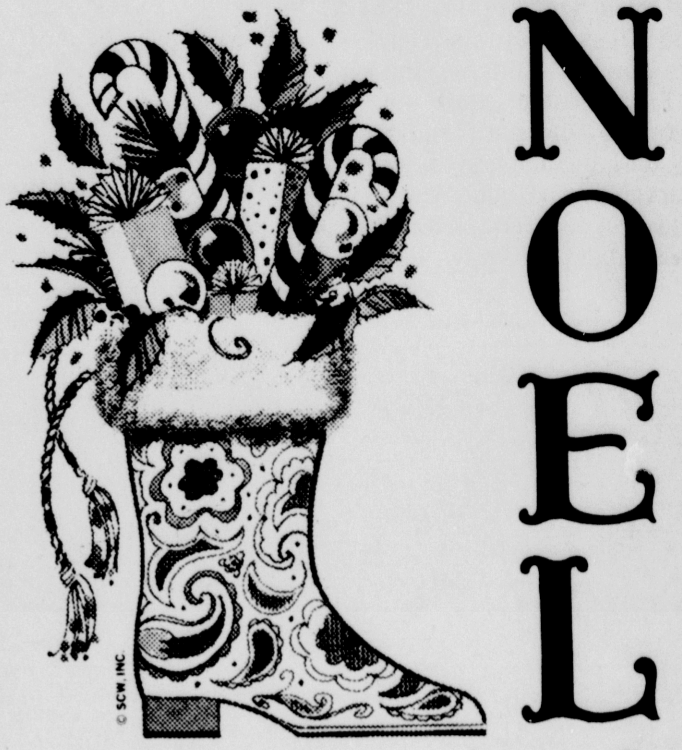
The people were only allowed to sing and dance outside, making up words and tunes about the birth of Christ. The French word "carole" and the Italian "carola" both mean a ring dance accompanied by singing, and from this comes our word carol.

The first American Christmas carol was written by a French Jesuit missionary named John de Brebeuf. He composed a song called "Jesus Is Born" for the Huron Indians with whom he worked in the early 1640s.




**ROSES RANK HIGH
IN POPULARITY**

bright with the color of yuletide, also a traditional symbol of love and sentiment. Florists predict that more roses will be wired to mothers, wives and sweethearts on Christmas Day than any other cut flower. They're available in virtually every community in the United States.



Here's hoping that you and yours will
know every happiness of this season.

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With thanks
to our many friends
we say A Happy Holiday.

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**JOLLY GOOD
CHRISTMAS**
TO EVERYONE

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VARIETY STORES



Joyous Noel

May the peace
of Christmas be
in every heart this season.

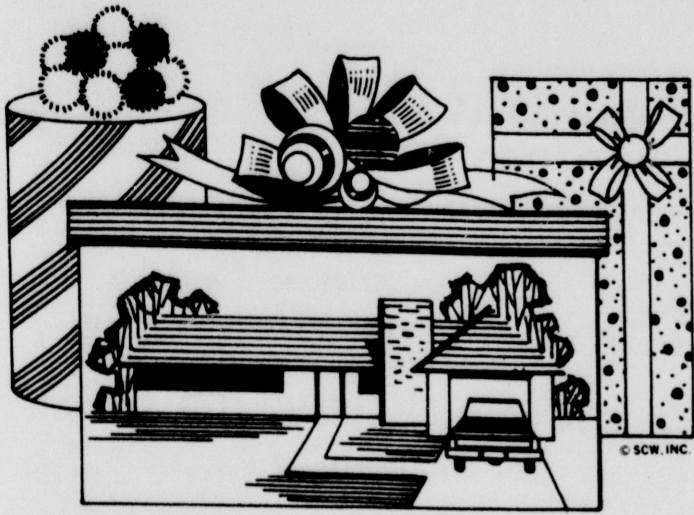
CARLTON IMPLEMENT COMPANY

Voices in the Mist

The time draws near the birth of Christ;
The moon is hid; the night is still;
The Christmas bells from hill to hill
Answer each other in the mist.
Each voice four changes on the wind,
That now dilate, and now decrease,
Peace and goodwill, goodwill and peace,
Peace and goodwill, to all mankind.

—Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809-1892)

Holiday Greetings



May your home be blessed
with all the joys of the
Season! Merry Christmas!

McCOLLUM - CUNNINGHAM
INSURANCE AGENCY



Always glad to wish
you Happy Holidays & Motoring!

O. H. WEAVER TEXACO



GLORY...to...GOD in...the...highest

And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David.

To be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was that, while

they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were so afraid.

And the angel said unto them: Fear not; for, be-

hold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the

shepherds said one to another: Let us now go, even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

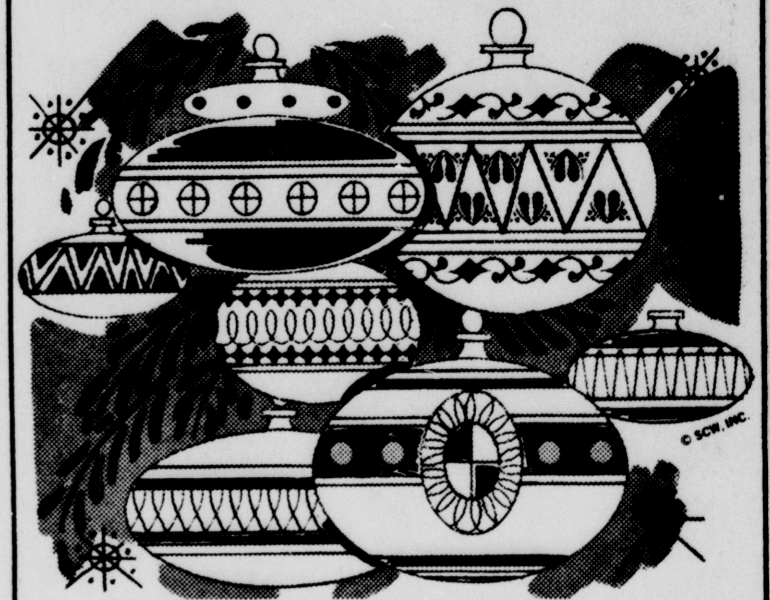
And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

ST. LUKE, CH. 2

IDEAL TREE

The ideal Christmas tree is the fir, because of its tendency to hold its needles longer.

GREETINGS



MAY THE TRUE CHEER OF
CHRISTMAS COME YOUR WAY

WHITE'S STORE

Byron and Neoma Bell

Rodger and Jill Bell



NOEL

At His Birth the Angels sang, "Peace on earth to men of good will." May this same peace, the gift of the Prince of Peace, be yours this Christmas and may it fill your life with joy!

PIGGLY WIGGLY

O HOLY NIGHT



May the guiding star of Christmas light your way.

MR. AND MRS. J. C. TURNER

Mary Margaret
Jayne and Mike Field



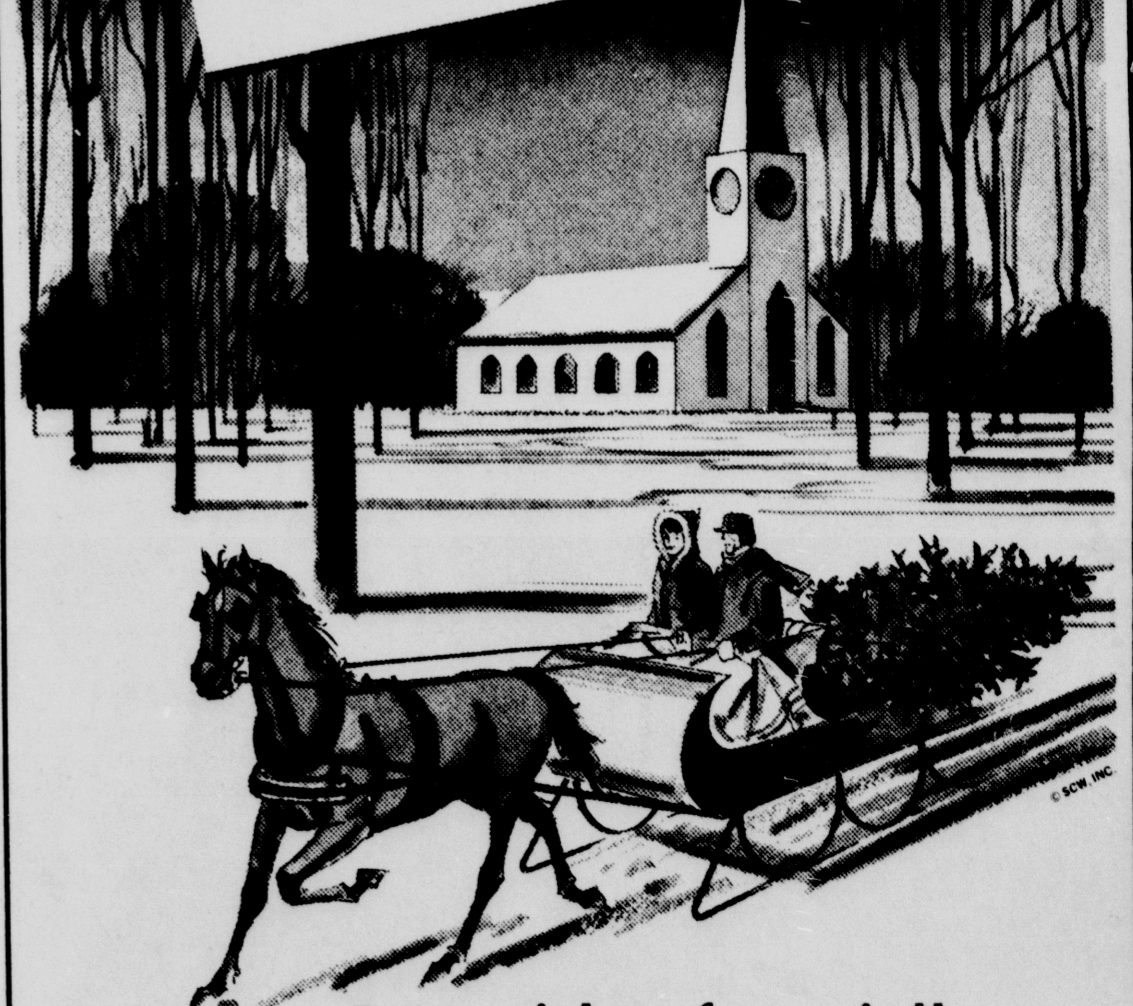
This is the wish we send your way:
May yours be a Merry Holiday —
And we also extend a big "thank you"
for your patronage.

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HAMLIN'S LEADING DEPARTMENT STORE

Season's Greetings

May your Christmas be every-
thing you've been hoping for!



Best wishes for a jolly
holiday from our entire staff!

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AND EMPLOYEES



did the moon-silhouetted
face of a 19th century
handyman inspire one
of most famous poems?

"... His eyes, how they
twinkled!
His cheeks, how merry!
His nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was
drawn
up like a bow, and the
beard of
his chin was as white as
the snow..."

From a famous poem,
probably one of the most
cherished and well remem-
bered in all of the English
language.

Written almost 150 years
ago by Clement Clark
Moore, this poem helped
create one of the great le-
gendary figures of all time,
the "plump and jolly old
elf," Santa Claus (who up to
that time was depicted as
rather a gaunt and somber
St. Nicholas whose living
prototype had been an ob-
scure ecclesiastic of the
Fourth Century).

There is no substantiated
version of how Dr. Moore
got his idea for this image,
so different from most of
those prevailing.

The actual image of San-
ta Claus, or St. Nicholas as
Moore called him in the
first version, may have
come from the moon-silhou-
etted face of his handyman.

Legend holds that it was
on a sleigh ride over the
now packed New York
streets of 1822 as he and his
handyman, Peter, went
from the estate to Green-
wich Village to deliver
Christmas presents.

The famous lines were
set down by Moore at a
writing desk in his home
located on a 90-acre tract
in a New York City area
still known as Chelsea,
down on the lower West
Side where the wholesale
flower market now stands.

At the time, Moore was a
professor of Oriental lan-
guages in the General Theo-
logical Seminary in New
York.



According to tradition,
Moore read the poem to his
children that Christmas
Eve, although it seems
more likely that the chil-
dren were already in bed by
the time he finished writing
the poem. He probably read
it the next day — Christmas
Day, 1822.

But whenever he read it,
the poem was an immediate
success — not only with his
own children, but with oth-
ers.

Moore's "The Night Be-
fore Christmas" earned
him lasting fame. It
eclipsed his important work
in linguistic scholarship and
it is fitting therefore that
the famed ballad has now
been translated into more
than 50 languages.

Holiday Moon

A waxing moon is more
favorable at Christmas
than a waning one, accord-
ing to an old Scottish folk
belief.

route of the Magi...

Portugal and Spain re-
portedly was the path taken
by the Kings. Here on the
route of the Magi the Wise
Men are of particular im-
portance in the Andalusian
countries.

Sidewalk shops and ki-
osks offer reproductions for
sale in glittering array —
some of carved wood, some
of papier-mache or pottery.

Today, more sophisti-
cated Americans emulate
these old-world craftsmen.
They make Wise Men, using
cans and plastic foam heads
embellished with bright and
ingenious decorations.

Custom decrees that the
Magi be met on Epiphany
Eve at the edge of town. In
Portugal, young and old go
out that night, carrying a
variety of food for men and
animals. This colorful car-
avan also offers presents
such as artfully arranged
bouquets of dried flowers,
grasses, and feathers, and
splendid metallic palmet-

tos bound with beads or
mirrors at their centers.

But alas for the welcom-
ing committee, the Magi
always seem to slip into
town by another road. When
the disappointed children
have eaten the goodies and
returned, they are com-
forted by finding the Wise
Men assembled in the vil-
lage church. Then they pa-
rade in with their wonderful
gifts for the wily Kings.

New Year White

Marco Polo, traveling
through the land of the
Great Khan, found that the
Khan and all his subjects,
by tradition, wore white
robes at New Year's, which
they celebrated in Febru-
ary. The white robes they
considered a good omen to
bring them luck and hap-
piness. The subjects pre-
sented jewels to their ruler
so that he might know abun-
dantly throughout the year.

GREETINGS

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Ruby Moore, office manager



Merry Christmas
TO ALL OUR GOOD FRIENDS

It's always a pleasure to greet you and
wish you the best of the season!

REYNOLDS DRUG

Verda - Cliff - Lois Ellen - Carolyn
Marolyn and O. H. Weaver

Holy Night

May every heart warm
to the radiance of the
Star... and feel His
glory today and always.



ROCKWELL BROS. & CO.

LUMBERMEN
HAMLIN, TEXAS

Everybody in this firm, wishes
each and every one a
Wonderfully Merry Christmas!

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